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DPS chief no-show at budget hearing



Department of Public Safety officials, from left, Bureau of Motor Vehicles director Juana Leon Guerrero, director for administration Kaye Inos, and human resources manager Esther Delos Reyes during a break in the DPS budget hearing yesterday at the House Committee on Ways and Means.

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Department of Public Safety Commissioner Robert Guerrero was a no-show for his department's budget hearing yesterday before the House Committee on Ways and Means, leaving some committee members disappointed and many questions unanswered.

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Lee Tenorio is new Chamber executive director

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Lee Tenorio, who used to be the spokesperson for the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., has taken on the executive director position of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, replacing Maxine Laszlo who served for almost two years.

Tenorio, who was a communications and public relations

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Maxine Laszlo, right, passes the baton to Lee Tenorio who is now the new executive director of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce.

BEA CABRERA

AT A GLANCE

As of 6:15pm, June 8, 2021

VACCINATIONS IN THE CNMI

Eligible Population Fully Vaccinated: **58%**

Pfizer/BioNTech	
Initiated:	22,941
Fully Vaccinated:	20,592
Moderna	
Initiated:	3,972
Fully Vaccinated:	3,284
Janssen	
Fully vaccinated:	323

GUAM	OLD	NEW	TOTAL
Positive	8,210	5	8,215
Recovered	8,012	17	8,029
Active	42	5	47
Deaths	139	0	139
Cumulative Number of Persons Tested	168,825		

SAIPAN	OLD	NEW	TOTAL
Positive	183	0	183
Traced via Travel Screening	147	0	147
Traced via Community Screening	36	0	36
Deaths	2	0	2
Cumulative Number of Persons Tested	26,131*		
Days since last community transmission	77		

*Total count includes the number of persons tested on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. With guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, CHCC has opted not to report active and recovered cases.

Source: Joint Information Center - Guam, Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.



Ramirez joins CNN's Climate Team

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Saipan Southern High School alumna Rachel Ramirez is the newest addition to CNN's Climate Team as a writer and reporter, and she hopes to draw on her experience when Typhoon Soudelor devastated the CNMI in 2015 to tell more stories about climate impacts on vulnerable communities.

Being from the CNMI, which is

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'Canoe house fire started beneath roof overhang'

The cause of the fire that charred a portion of the canoe house in Susupe and the indigenous canoe (or *sakman*) inside it early Monday morning remains unknown but it has been determined that the flames originated beneath the overhang of the roof.

According to a Department

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COMMUNITY VULNERABILITY

LEGEND:

- Red: Least safe
- Orange
- Yellow
- Blue
- Green: Safest

Source: Office of the Governor

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Local



Rep. Sheila Therese J. Babauta (D-Saipan) poses for a photo with members of the Bicol Association in the Mariana Islands, Inc. at the Bicol Pavilion on Tuesday afternoon. BAMI, Inc. originally built the pavilion next to the da'ok tree and public playground along Beach Road in 2002.

JOSHUA SANTOS

Bicol Pavilion issue is resolved; collaboration in the works

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An “honest misunderstanding” has been ironed out between the Bicol Association in the Mariana Islands Inc. and Rep. Sheila Therese J. Babauta (D-Saipan) on the behalf of Pride Marianas Youth regarding the hexagonal pavilion next to the public playground and da'ok tree along Beach Road that PMY repainted last week.

It was clarified during a meeting between officials of BAMI Inc. and Babauta last Tuesday that the pavilion is called the Bicol Pavilion, which BAMI built in 2002 and turned over to then-governor Juan N. Babauta in 2004.

BAMI and Pride Marianas Youth now hope to collaborate on future improvements to the pavilion, and to re-include some of BAMI's original designs. It was previously reported that Pride Marianas Youth beautified the “Da'Ok Pavilion” last Saturday.

Babauta shared with the organization that the adoption of the pavilion last Saturday was made possible through the Governor's Council of Economic Advisers' Public Private Partnership initiative, which allows public servants and private businesses to adopt public spaces and beautify them. GCEA identified the hexagonal pavilion as a public space and greenlit PMY's beautification project last Saturday.

The pavilion is in fact a public space, but BAMI initially took issue with the painting over and removal of designs that were originally part of the pavilion when BAMI completed the pavilion in 2002.

According to Carlito Marquez, who was vice president

of BAMI at the time and helped build the Bicol Pavilion in the early 2000s, the pavilion was hexagonal to represent the six provinces of the Bicol region in the Philippines and bore the provinces' names on signs that hung along the beams of the pavilion. He also said the roof was cone-shaped and painted to represent a well-known volcano in Bicol—Mt. Mayon—and that the pavilion's pillars were decorated with hot peppers to represent the Bicol people's love for eating chilis. The signs with province names have since been lost to time and the remaining details were painted over last Saturday.

Babauta and BAMI gathered to work out all misunderstandings at the pavilion on Tuesday afternoon, and both parties left the meeting satisfied. Babauta shared that there is currently a paint shortage on Saipan, and hopes to work with BAMI to repaint some of the pavilion's original details once she and her group can get paint.

“I wanted to come and let you guys know that our intentions were good and we just [wanted] to beautify. ...If [BAMI] has any improvements [they] want to include we can provide the resources,” said Babauta.

BAMI president Noel Ordas was very pleased with how the organization's meeting with Babauta went.

“We're glad she was approachable and that she understood our side. The beautification and the painting [by PMY] of the Bicol Pavilion is great. All that the Bicol Association wants is to revive the missing names of the Bicol regions, because they are very significant to our organization,” said Ordas.

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Getting the CNMI's youth ready to respond

Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services Firefighter III Patrick George conducts a "cribbing" simulation activity with members of NMC's My Preparedness Initiative. The members are being timed and challenged to see how fast they can remove a victim from under the structure. **NMC**

Since 2019, the Northern Marianas College-Cooperative Research, Extension, and Education Services' My Preparedness Initiative, or MyPI, in partnership with Homeland Security Emergency Management, Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services, Public School System, and the Division of Youth Services, has been fostering emergency preparedness, community resilience, and youth leadership through proactive outreach.

MyPI Northern Mariana Islands is a component of the

National Youth Preparedness Initiative, or MyPI National, a partnership of 27 states and two U.S. territories, delivering an innovative and engaging curriculum for teenagers. The MyPI program has won three national awards since its inception.

The initiative is a flexible and engaging five- to 10-week program that offers a Community Emergency Response Team curriculum foundation, CPR/AED certification, disaster simulations, and allows participants to do a comprehensive family and commu-

nity service project, or Prep+6.

The Prep+6 project has its participants help their household and six additional households develop emergency supply kits and emergency communication plans. This component allows for significant enhancement in individual, family, and community preparedness and resilience.

In addition, the 13-18-year-olds who enter into the MyPI program will complete the U.S. Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency certified CERT training and learn about

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For more information about the MyPI program, contact

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Man suing 5 lawyers for alleged bribery, grand larceny asks court for more time

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A man who alleged that five lawyers have committed "bribery and grand larceny" against him has asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to give him more time to find a lawyer to represent him.

In a "motion for extension of time" that Nicanor Flores Norita, 76, filed on June 7, he said he has had difficulty finding a lawyer to represent him and asked the court to "give me another month to finalize the situation."

Norita's motion came in response to a May 25 order from U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona, who ordered the case dismissed without prejudice, as the details in the man's original May 3 complaint were found to be "deficient." In his original complaint, the legal basis for Norita's lawsuit was explained in a single sentence: "They stole all the money."

Manglona, however, allowed the man to submit by June 8 an amended complaint "that cures the deficiencies." If he fails to do so by the deadline, the lawsuit will be closed.

Norita filed his May 3 complaint in *forma pauperis*,

which refers to an instance where a person who is unable to pay court filing fees is allowed to submit their case to a court. Norita named five lawyers in his proposed "bribery and grand larceny" lawsuit: Timothy Belas, Rosemond Santos, Michael Dotts, Brien Sers Nicholas, and Ben Petersburg.

In a letter Norita submitted to the court last May 17, he detailed the alleged misdealings in the distribution of around \$5 million among the successors of a deceased family member that prompted him to complain to the court.

Norita, in particular, claimed that Dotts supposedly did not submit a brief to his brother when he told Dotts that he planned to give his brother a portion of "his mother's share." Allegedly, Dotts instead gave these funds to another family member in front of Norita's brother. Norita further claims that the other family member then went on to use the money Dotts supposedly gave them to extend their house and buy another property in Kagman.

It was not immediately learned as of press time Tuesday whether or not Manglona granted Norita's motion or if Norita was able to submit an amended complaint.



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PDM Promoters collects 580 lbs of trash



Thirty-three volunteers of PDM Promoters resumed their monthly cleanup of Paseo de Marianas last Memorial Day in May 31—one of the rare occasions when PDM Promoters was able to do their activity on a Monday.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
PDM Promoters volunteers pose with the 580 lbs of trash they collected during their cleanup last Memorial Day on May 31

RAMIREZ

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geographically in waters considered a typhoon highway, environment, and climate issues remain close to Ramirez's heart.

"The story I like to tell folks is that I got into journalism because of a climate disaster. When Typhoon Soudelor came barreling toward the Marianas in 2015 while I was away for college and I lost contact with my family, I felt helpless. No major national news outlet covered the typhoon until it reached mainland Asia. I remember writing an amateur news report and submitting it to CNN's iReport platform, which never got published but it still gave the URL, which I shared on Facebook and was quickly widely shared. I was determined to tell stories about vulnerable communities then," she said.

Ramirez believes that telling climate change stories is not only about disasters like typhoons, hurricanes, or wildfires. "It's also about an oil and gas or plastics company releasing harmful pollutants into the air next to a predominantly Black community in Louisiana or a waste incinerator or landfill setting up shop next to a large immigrant community in New Jersey. It's also about historically marginalized Black neighborhoods suffering more from extreme heat compared to White neighborhoods, because they lack community investments like green parks and trees that cool the air. Understanding these intersectionalities are crucial to climate conversations," she added.

In March, CNN announced that it is building a climate team that will focus on climate and environment news. In a memo written by CNN Worldwide president Jeff Zucker, he said they are formalizing and expanding their climate coverage with a dedicated force.

Ramirez explained that the CNN Climate Team is a new initiative

within CNN's News and Digital platform, in recognition of the evolving conversation related to climate change—from being purely scientific to being about its causes and effects on communities. "Many people, particularly CNN's audience, don't really understand that climate change affects all aspects of life and issues from immigration to economy as well as housing," she said "My job is to make the audience understand that there's more to climate science and that climate change is a crisis that touches all social issues and needs to be addressed immediately, because it's affecting the most vulnerable populations. My job is to deliver impact journalism about climate change by telling stories of communities and scientific breakthroughs."

Ramirez was a curious young girl who was always reading and writing. "I always loved writing. ...I would write little poems, songs, prose here and there, but I didn't necessarily think I was good at it."

Ramirez had lived in both the Philippines and Saipan and was immersed in the Tagalog and Ilocano languages there and then back to English when on Saipan. "Having to code-switch and navigate both languages and being told by teachers to 'fix my accent' were difficult for me. It definitely affected me, so I wanted to prove them otherwise through writing," she said.

Her favorite classes at Saipan Southern High were English classes, specifically AP Literature and AP Language. She has fond memories of her English teachers, Paul Miura and Jonathan Aguon, whom she credits with playing big roles in her journey.

"I remember Mr. Aguon would give us journal entries and make us learn difficult AP vocabulary words, which I find myself using until this day. During my 18th birthday...I remember [Mr. Aguon] giving me a simple purple composition notebook that I brought with me to college. Though I'm not exactly sure where it went, I'm pretty certain it's filled

with my writings," she added.

Ramirez graduated from the University of Portland where she majored in Communication Studies with a focus on Journalism and a minor in French Studies. This environment helped pave the way to a career in journalism. "I started out as a student journalist at University of Portland's campus newspaper called *The Beacon*. While at *The Beacon*, I also had internships at local news publications in Portland, including the *Oregon Business Magazine* and the Pulitzer Prize-winning weekly newspaper *Willamette Week*," she said.

Before landing a job at CNN, Ramirez was freelancing and it was her entry into the Grist fellowship program that brought her into the field of climate change and environmental justice. "... My secret dream is to write a climate or historical fiction book one day based on all the stories I've heard or maybe simply a memoir about my life," she said.

Her foray into the world of reporting is not without a hint of a crusade, with Ramirez acutely aware of the overall state of mainstream journalism in terms of diversity and media representation.

"Each time I step into a newsroom since I started my career, I was always surrounded by white journalists—never anyone that looked like me—a woman journalist of color who came from a U.S. territory in the Pacific Ocean. Without journalists of color, how else will our stories be told accurately? Who will tell the true story of the forced removal of Native Americans from their lands without Native journalists? The surge of pandemic-related anti-Asian violence without Asian journalists? The massive pollution coming out of oil and gas refineries that's causing Black Americans to suffer from cancer and other respiratory illnesses without Black journalists? I want to be that person I was looking for when I first stepped into journalism."

mentorship. He is currently a board member of the Pacific Century Fellows and treasurer for Stellar Marianas, a subcommittee chair for the 2019 Liberation Day Committee and has coordinated support for VALOR that worked on the CNMI's typhoon recovery in the wake of Super Typhoon Yutu.

At the Chamber general membership meeting last week, the Chamber gave Laszlo a plaque of appreciation for her outstanding direction, leadership service to the Chamber and to the community in the last several years.

Tenorio, who was born and raised in the CNMI, is an alumnus of Mount Carmel School and pursued an associate degree in Arts and Sciences at Bellevue College in Washington. Aside from working at CHCC, he was a project manager in the office of Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang, manager at Surf Club Restaurant, and worked as a manager for multiple reputable retail brands in Washington state.

During his personal time, Tenorio is a passionate volunteer, extending his expertise to support culture, professional development, sports, and

"Our Saipan Awaodori members joined us because there was no school. We really motivate and support these kids to work together and take pride in knowing that they helped regain a clean and litter-free community," said coordinator Sonia Siwa.

She said the cleanup had the volunteers also cutting overgrown bushes as well as picking up trash on empty lots filled with cigarette butts, food waste, and trash on roadways.

In all, the 33 volunteers—made up of 25 Saipan Awaodori members and eight Kinpachi Restaurant staff—were able to collect 580 lbs of trash along Paseo de Marianas,

Coral Tree Avenue, and AMP Road and its connecting alleyways.

PDM Promoters' monthly cleanups are usually held every Saturday and are supported by the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality and the non-profit's major sponsors, T-Galleria and TSL Foundation.

Siwa said T-Galleria and TSL Foundation's support enables them to have the cleaning materials needed. Kinpachi Restaurant, meanwhile, provides meal and snacks for volunteers.

Volunteers of PDM Promoters will be at it again this June when it conducts its next monthly cleanup of 2021. (*Saipan Tribune*)

CANOE

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of Fire and Emergency Medical Services news release yesterday, a man called 911 last Monday, June 7, 2021 at approximately 4:10am to report the fire at the canoe house, which is near the West Coast Restaurant. DFEMS' Engine 2 and Rescue 1 immediately responded to the location.

The DFEMS rescue vehicle was the first to arrive at the scene at 4:14am and confirmed that the hut was on fire. Three minutes later, at 4:17am, Alpha Company command-

er Lt. Patrick Semens said the fire was under control.

DFEMS Division of Fire Prevention and Arson Investigation, which was led by Firefighter Tony Santos, stated that the structure was partially burnt on the southern side. Burn patterns revealed that the area of origin was beneath the overhang of the roof. The canoe housed inside the hut also sustained moderate heat damage on the side. No injuries or deaths were reported on scene

Santos also stated that the fire is "still under investigation and more information will be given out accordingly." (*Saipan Tribune*)

DPS

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Instead, the department was represented at the budget hearing by DPS director for administration Kaye Inos, DPS human resources manager Esther Delos Reyes, and DPS Bureau of Motor Vehicles director Juana Leon Guerrero.

Inos informed the committee that Guerrero was on Tinian for a meeting with DPS Tinian resident director Barbara Arend regarding operations.

When asked as to when she became aware that she would be attending the budget hearing, Inos replied that she always attends the DPS budget hearing. As to when Guerrero told her that he would not be at the hearing, Inos said, "Probably last week."

After the lawmakers finished asking about the DPS budget and departmental operations, committee chair Rep. Donald M. Manglona (Ind-Rota) announced that the hearing is on recess until this Friday at 12:30pm.

Manglona thanked Inos, Leon Guerrero, and Delos Reyes for their presence but acknowledged that Guerrero's absence meant that some of the lawmakers' questions could not be addressed.

He said the committee members have agreed to go on recess until Friday to allow DPS to gather information for some of the questions that were asked that day and were unanswered.

Manglona said they want to see the commissioner this Friday. If Guerrero is not available by then, he said anyone at DPS can inform the committee so the committee can discuss how to proceed with the hearing.

Rep. Celina R. Babauta (D-Saipan) requested DPS Boating Safety officials to appear also at the next hearing because they have a lot of questions.

At the hearing, Inos basically talk-

ed about the DPS fiscal year 2022 budget submission in the amount of \$9.27 million.

In an interview after the hearing, Rep. Christina E. Sablan (D-Saipan) said she is troubled that Guerrero was unable to attend the hearing. "We're hoping to [raise] some questions and also get a better understanding of what the department's needs are for this upcoming fiscal year," Sablan said.

She believes all committee members share the same sentiment. "It's still not clear to me exactly why he was not able to attend the budget hearing, why he could not notify the chairman or the committee that he was not planning to attend," Sablan said.

The lawmaker said they were informed that day (Tuesday) that it was a pre-planned meeting on Tinian, but then also that there was a last-minute change in DPS leadership on Tinian that Guerrero had to attend to.

"So it's pre-planned scheduled at the last minute. It doesn't make much sense to me," Sablan pointed out.

She said she is hoping that they can get some answers from the commissioner and have him present this Friday.

"We do appreciate the directors who came today. They did their best to answer the questions," she said.

Sablan said the commissioner didn't provide the directors with any prepared statements to deliver to the committee, and so they could not answer some of their questions.

Rep. Sheila Babauta (D-Saipan) also expressed disappointment that Guerrero was not there.

At the DPS budget hearing in July 2020, there was a heated discussion, with Guerrero raising his voice multiple times against Sablan following the lawmaker's back-to-back questions on nepotism, furloughs, and civil service rules.

LEE

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specialist at CHCC, was introduced to Chamber members during their general membership meeting in May.

He told *Saipan Tribune* that he is excited to take on the position this will allow him to further gain more experiences in his communications career and that Laszlo has been helpful with the transition. "My passion in helping the CNMI community in any way I am able is constantly on my mind," he added.

IPI payments to USDOL on time

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Casino operator Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC continues to pay in full and on time its scheduled back wages payment to the U.S. Department of Labor as part of a consent judgment.

According to IPI's 21st status report submitted to the U.S. District Court for the NMI the casino operator paid "on time and in full" its third back wages payment to the department's Wage and Hour Division last June 1, with the fourth payment due on July 1. Six more payments of \$164,270.08 will be made to DOL, ending on Dec. 1 this year. IPI lawyer Michael W. Dotts submitted the report to the U.S. District Court last June 7.

In the "Housing and Food" section of his report, Dotts said that IPI continues to maintain power and water at

some housing as some contract workers continue to live there. Dotts also clarified that IPI is not providing food to these employees, as IPI "has never provided food to CW employees." CW refers to the immigration visa given to foreign workers that allows them to work in the CNMI.

As for repatriations, Dotts said there is nothing new to report. In the company's 20th report to the court, Dotts said that two Malaysian employees will be repatriated in August, and that IPI's Philippine foreign workers "will likely be repatriated in July."

IPI agreed to an entry of consent judgment with former U.S. DOL Secretary Rene Alexander Acosta in April 2019. In addition to the \$1.48 owed to DOL, the court ordered IPI to pay \$1.58 million in liquidated damages and \$200,000 in civil penalties.



Dotts

Sablan says govt paid over \$17K already to foot Torres' utility bills

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Rep. Christina E. Sablan (D-Saipan) said they have seen some of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres' utility bills amounting to more than \$17,000 that were paid by the CNMI government in the last few years.

Sablan said they found this based on incomplete records obtained from the Department of Finance.

The lawmaker talked about Torres' utility bills last week in response to *Saipan Tribune's* inquiry about the Governor's official residence on Capitol Hill.

Sablan said it is her understanding that the governor's official residence is abandoned and derelict and that the government hasn't provided housing for years. That has resulted in the governor living in his own home. It was earlier explained that, with the government failing to provide Torres an official residence, the Department of Finance has shouldered the utility bills at the governor's private residence.

Sablan said Finance has authorized such payment for years but nothing in the law actually provides for that. "Where the abuse has happened has been in the payment of utility bills at the governor's private residence," she said.

When sought for comment, press secretary Kevin Bautista

responded by saying that Sablan, "as always, will continue to cherry pick records and information about the governor and lieutenant governor in order to fit her political agenda."

Bautista said former governor Juan N. Babauta was the last governor to stay in the governor's official residence. Since then, he said, every governor has stayed at their private residence, decreasing what is financially obligated to maintain the public governor's residence on Capital Hill. Yet Sablan did not raise a flag during the Benigno R. Fitial administration nor the Eloy S. Inos administration, he said.

"But of course, she will continue to pursue her political agenda over more important Commonwealth matters," Bautista said.

Torres recently said he wishes he could stay at the governor's residence as provided by the CNMI Constitution but pointed out that he is unable to do so at present since "there is no government housing."

Torres said security is among the reasons why the Constitution provides housing for the governor and lieutenant governor.

Rep. Richard T. Lizama (D-Saipan) recently introduced a bill that will remove taxpayer-funded housing for the governor, lieutenant governor, Senate president, and House speaker.



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2022 – 2026 State Plan Goals & Objectives

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The Areas of Emphasis are as follow:

Child Care – Community Supports – Early Intervention – Education – Employment – Health Related—Housing—Quality Assurance—Recreation—Transportation

The CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities will be conducting its public hearings on the islands of Saipan, Tinian and Rota on how best the Council can and should serve all individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. During the public hearings, all persons with developmental disabilities, their families, friends, the general public will be provided the opportunity to review and offer comment or input on its 2022-2026 FIVE YEAR STATE PLAN.

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ROTA	JUNE 8, 2021 JUNE 9, 2021 JUNE 10, 2021	6:00pm – 7:00pm 8:00am – 11:00am 8:00am – 10:00am	Pizzeria Restaurant, Songsong Rota Mayor's Office DYS Youth Center, Sinapalo
TINIAN	JUNE 10, 2021 JUNE 11, 2021	5:30pm – 6:30pm 8:00am – 10:00am 1:30pm – 3:30pm	JC Café Restaurant, San Jose JC Café Restaurant, San Jose JC Café Restaurant, San Jose
SAIPAN	JUNE 14, 2021 JUNE 21, 2021	9:00am – 10:00am 4:30pm – 6:30pm 4:30pm – 6:30pm	Center for Living Independently Anatahan Dr., Guguan Dr, Building#1366, Capitol Hill Charlie's Cabaret, PIC San Antonio Caladium Hall, Laolao Bay Golf Resort, Kagman

CNMI CDD's proposed priorities are set forth in our Five-Year State Plan, which is developed based on data gathered from a statewide needs assessment of the most pressing needs of individuals with developmental disabilities and the areas of emphasis that the Council will focus on for the next five years. Strategies may include public policy advocacy, leadership developmental and collaboration to name a few. Please note that CNMI CDD does not provide direct services.

CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities
State Plan for Federal Fiscal Years 2022 – 2026
Goals & Objectives

Goal 1 – Self Advocacy

Promote and support the development of leadership and self advocacy capacity among people with development disabilities.

Objective 1.1 – Self-Advocacy

Provide support to strengthen a State Self-Advocacy organization led by people with developmental disabilities.

Objective 1.2 – Self-Advocacy

Support opportunities for people with developmental disabilities who are considered leaders to provide leadership training to individuals with developmental disabilities who may become leaders.

Objective 1.3 – Self-Advocacy

Support participation of people with developmental disabilities in cross-disability and culturally diverse leadership coalitions.

Goal 2 – Service System Improvement

The Council will work with partners on at least two (2) systems change initiative and provide information, education, and skill building activities each year so that individuals and/or students with intellectual and developmental disabilities will have improved transition services from high school through post-school transition into meaningful post-school outcomes with adequate services and supports and increased opportunities in employment in the CNMI.

Objective 2.1 – Employment

By 2026, create more opportunities for young adults and job seekers with developmental disabilities to have meaningful employment opportunities with competitive wages and exhibit their abilities and skills in an inclusive environment working alongside their peers without disabilities by working with the CNMI Disability Network Partners to educate communities, training staff, and writing one state policy by September 2021 to improve services that support fully integrated, competitive employment.

Objective 2.2 – Transition

By 2026, collaborate with the CNMI Transition Coalition, the CNMI Disability Network Partners and others to create or improve at least one practice designed to improve transition outcomes for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities from high school through postsecondary education/training.

Goal 3 - Respite Care

Family members and/or Caregivers of individuals with developmental disabilities and individuals who are medically fragile will have access to respite services made available through the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs (Commonwealth Respite Services Program) (CNMI PL 20-43).

Objective 3.1 - Respite Care

By 2023, collaborate with the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs and partners to improve and/or expand training to thirty (30) respite caregivers in underserved and unserved communities of Tinian and Rota.

Goal 4 - Emergency Preparedness

People with developmental will be afforded the same level of safety as all, be involved in the process to plan, advocate, and take charge for themselves when an emergency arise, and to have a clear idea of what to do in such situation.

Objective 4.1 – Emergency Preparedness

By 2026, collaborate with the CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management, CNMI Disability Network Partners, Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation, CNMI CORE and other community -based stakeholders to effectively incorporate the functional and accessibility needs of CNMI residents with developmental disabilities in emergency planning.

Your Input Wanted:

Public review of the Five Year State is required by law and helps us improve the plan. The public review period provides a 45-day window of opportunity for CNMI residents to evaluate the newly developed Goals and Objectives, and to share their comments so we can make improvements. We also welcome your suggestions for strategies and activities to help us achieve these goals and objectives.

The Five Year State Plan will be available at the CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities, building #1310, Anatahan Dr., Capitol Hill or you may contact us at (670) 664-7000/3/5 or email to: cnmicouncilondd@gmail.com. Other accessible formats of the document are available upon request.

Please submit written comments by email to cnmicouncilondd@gmail.com. For each comment, please reference goal number and objective number.

Comment period:

June 9 – July 23, 2021

Comments must be received via email by 4:30 p.m. CHST on July 23, 2021.

Thank you for your input!



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-21-019

Island Wide Water Meter Installation

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Island Wide Water Meter Installation in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The intent of the contract is for the Contractor to provide all labor, equipment, supplies and materials necessary to complete the scope of work which consists of: replacement of water meters, relocation of a water meter and meter vault, reconfiguration of water meter service laterals, expansion of a water meter vault, installation of gate valves, replacement of vault covers, installation of ladder rungs, driveway and sidewalk restoration, and other related work. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications and without disruption to the daily operation of the water system and service to the customers affected. CUC requires the Project to be completed in 120 calendar days from date of award of contract.

The project is funded by a grant from the United States of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from USEPA.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of **\$100.00** (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by site visits will be held on **May 25, 2021 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies of the bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-IFB-21-019, Island Wide Water Meter Installation"** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on June 10, 2021**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

A Bid Guarantee of not less than fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury. A *Payment Bond* of one Hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from registered Proponents and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 a.m. (ChST) on June 1, 2021** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Alley Reyes, CUC Water/Wastewater Jr. Engineer via email address alley.reyes@cucgov.org and to Christie Sablan, P&S, Senior Administrative Technician – christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

BETTINA TERLAJE
Acting Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Administrator

DOJ files Supreme Court brief that defends SSI law

The U.S. Department of Justice filed Monday a brief before the U.S. Supreme Court arguing that Congress has the power to deny otherwise eligible U.S. citizens in the territories access to Supplemental Security Income benefits based solely on where they happen to live. This came after President Joe Biden issued an unusual statement that his own DOJ's position was "inconsistent with my Administration's policies

and values."

Last September, the Trump DOJ sought review of United *States v. Vaello Madero*, a landmark decision from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit that upheld a District Court ruling that the denial of SSI benefits to residents of Puerto Rico. In March, the Supreme Court granted review.

While the DOJ brief defends the discriminatory federal law, it also recognizes that "as a matter of policy, the Administration supports extending SSI benefits to Puerto Rico residents." Indeed, the brief recognizes that José Luis Vaello Madero's "circumstances forcefully illustrate the case for enhancing aid to needy individuals in Puerto Rico." But ultimately, DOJ's position is that "Congress is fully empowered to extend SSI to Puerto Rico in light of the concerns respondent identifies, but its decision not to do so does not violate the Constitution under this court's precedents."

Responding to DOJ's filing, Neil Weare, president and founder of Equally American, which advocates for equal rights for residents of U.S. territories, stated: "The SSI program is one of our nation's most successful social safety net programs, recognizing the inherent dignity of millions of the most vulnerable, low-income Americans who are aged, blind, or disabled by providing them with a basic income. However, while these critical benefits are taken for granted in most American

communities, they are not available to otherwise eligible residents of most U.S. territories for no other reason than where they happen to live. This discrimination isn't just wrong, it's unconstitutional."

In 2012, Vaello Madero began receiving SSI disability benefits after he became afflicted with severe health issues while living in New York. The following year, he moved from New York to Puerto Rico to help care for his wife, who also had significant health concerns. Not realizing his change in address meant he was no longer eligible for SSI, he did not question when his benefits continued. In 2016, after Vaello Madero applied for retirement benefits, the Social Security Administration realized he now lived in Puerto Rico and ceased payments. In 2017, the U.S. Department of Justice filed a lawsuit invoking a criminal statute against Vaello Madero to recover the \$28,081 in SSI benefits he had received while he was a resident of Puerto Rico.

After the court appointed pro bono counsel, Vaello Madero argued that SSI discrimination against residents of U.S. territories violates the Constitution's guarantee of equal protection. The district court and a unanimous panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit agreed, concluding that discrimination against residents of Puerto Rico with respect to the SSI program fails judicial review under any standard. (**PR**)

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Pro Se

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In the)
Matter of the)
Petition for the Change) FCD CN
of Name of:) CIVIL ACTION
Steven Gamao) NO. 21-0002
Benson)
Petitioner)

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on September 27, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in Courtroom Superior Court, before Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio.

Dated this 7th day of May, 2021.

Patrick V. Diaz
Clerk of Court

/s/ By: Deputy Clerk of Court



Commonwealth Zoning Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 16, 2021 | 5:00 PM
Queens Club, Kensington Hotel
Tel: 234-9661/2 • Fax: 234-9666
www.cnmizoning.com



AGENDA

A. Preliminary Matters

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of 05/05/2021 Zoning Board Meeting minutes.
5. Public Comments (not for items to be discussed in item B. Public Hearings)

B. Public Hearings

1. **Conditional Use Application #2020-7072** – DPW is proposing to construct a Convenience Center/Municipal Solid Waste Transfer Station to accept residential trash and recyclables. The station will also include a temporary oil staging area, one (1) bulk items area and one (1) office building. This use is classified as "Transfer Station" and is permitted in the district as a conditional use. This site is located on Lot No. 004 G 43 in the village of Kagman. This area is zoned as Rural.
2. **Conditional Use Application #2020-7071** – DPW is proposing to construct a Convenience Center/Municipal Solid Waste Transfer Station to accept residential trash and recyclables. The station will also include a temporary oil staging area, one (1) bulk items area, and one (1) office building. This use is classified as "Transfer Station" and is permitted in the district as a conditional use. This site is located on Lot No. 049 K 02 in the village of As Gonno. This area is zoned as Rural.
3. **Conditional Use Application #2020-6772** – SPP, LLC dba CSP Farm is proposing to construct a 66' (L) x 39'.7" (W) x 12' (H) fully concrete building structure for its "Cannabis Farm" Use. This use is permitted in the district as a conditional use and the site is located on Lot No. 039 L 50/039 L 51 in the village of Obyan. This area is zoned as Rural.
4. **Conditional Use Application #2020-6462** – Top Hatz Saipan, LLC is proposing to occupy and renovate a unit on the 2nd floor of an existing 2-storey building structure measuring 76'.3" (L) x 45'.10" (W) x 16' (H) for its "Adult Business" Use. This use is permitted in the district as a conditional use and the site is located on Lot No. 002 D 07 in the village of Garapan. This area is zoned as Garapan Core.
5. **Conditional Use Application #2020-7205** – Adetfa Lot, LLC dba Marianas 420 Café is proposing to construct a 95' (L) x 95'.5" (W) x 13'.4" (H) fully concrete building structure for its "Cannabis Lounge" Use inclusive of one (1) Restaurant floor area. This use is permitted in the district as a conditional use and the site is located on Lot 2003-4-1/Lot 343-R1 in the village of Chalan Laulau. This area is zoned as Village Commercial.

C. New Business

1. Zoning Office Building Renovations
2. Garapan Revitalization Project
3. Nuisance Abatement and Blighted Properties Act
 - i. Regulations
4. Westlake Motor, LLC – Car Rental Business

D. Miscellaneous

1. Communication from Rep. Joseph Leepan Guerrero – Permit Process
2. Communication from Saipan Cares for Animals
3. Administrator's Updates
4. Permit & Enforcement Report

E. Adjournment

In an effort to provide public access to this meeting during this pandemic, the Commonwealth Zoning Board will host this meeting via:

Zoom Video Communications

Meeting Link: <https://zoom.us/j/6853007492>
Meeting Code: 685 300 7492



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING
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Website: cnmibpl-hcplb.net



Pursuant to P. L. 8-41, Section 11, Governor Ralph Torres and Lt. Governor Arnold I. Palacios, through the Board of Professional Licensing (BPL) are hereby giving notice that it will hold its quarterly board meeting on **Friday, June 11, 2021 at 1:30p.m.** on Saipan. The meeting will be held at the Governor's Office Conference Room, Capitol Hill, Saipan.

AGENDA

- I. Meeting Call to Order
- II. Determination of Quorum
- III. Review and Adoption of Agenda (February 24, 2021)
- IV. Review and Adoption of Minutes
- V. Public Comments
- VI. Chairman's Report
- VII. Director's Report
 - Financial Update
 - NCARB's 2021 Annual Business Meeting in Los Angeles, CA from June 24-26, 2021
 - NCEES Meeting
 - Real Property Appraiser Qualification Criteria
- VIII. Investigator's Report
- IX. Communications from the Governor's Office & Legislature
 - A. Governor's Office
 - B. Legislature
- X. Old Business
- XI. Executive Session: The Board may vote to meet in executive session to consult with counsel with pending or anticipated legal matters.
- XII. New Business
- XIII. Applications for Board's Review
- XIV. Miscellaneous Business
- XV. Announcements
 - A. Next Meeting Date
 - B. Adjournment of Meeting

Ana Margarita B. Benavente
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Petitioner

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In the Matter of the Estate of:) Civil Action
George Sablan) No. 21-0118
Benavente) NOTICE OF
Deceased.) HEARING AND NOTICE
TO CREDITORS
Date: July 1, 2021
Time: 10:00 A.M.
Associate Judge) JOSEPH N. CAMACHO

TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ANY HEIRS, CLAIMANTS, OR CREDITORS OF THE LATE GEORGE SABLAN BENAVENTE, OR HIS ESTATE:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that ANA MARGARITA B. BENAVENTE has petitioned the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to issue Letters of Administration for the Estate of George S. Benavente, the deceased. Petitioner is Ana Margarita B. Benavente, whose address is Ana Margarita B. Benavente, P.O. Box 504662, Saipan, MP 96950, Email: abben65@yahoo.com.

The hearing on the Petition is scheduled to be heard on the date and time set forth above at the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All interested persons or entities should appear at this hearing.

Any and all persons, creditors, or entities having claims against the deceased or his estate are hereby required by law to file their claims with the Clerk of Court within sixty (60) days of this publication of the daim(s) will be forever barred. A copy of your claim should also be sent to Ana Margarita B. Benavente, P.O. Box 504662, Saipan, MP 96950, or at Email: abben65@yahoo.com.

Dated this 28th day of May, 2021.

/s/ Clerk of Court

CDC lowers Guam's travel risk from high to moderate

HAGÁTÑA, Guam—Gov. Lou Leon Guerrero and Lt. Gov. Josh Tenorio issued the following statements after the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention lowered Guam's travel risk from Level 4 to Level 2:

"We welcome CDC's downgrade in travel risk for Guam from very high to moderate. This complements our recently updated protocols that allow vaccinated travelers to enter our borders without quarantine," said

Leon Guerrero. "We also have a unique opportunity to share Guam's vaccination success with expatriates in our region--an initiative we expect to roll out shortly. Additionally, I have requested to increase Guam's vaccine supply to enable non-U.S. citizens to travel to Guam for their shots."

Tenorio added, "This downgrade in travel risk speaks volumes of our collective work to defeat COVID-19. Our island heeded

the call to action and delivered. As we embark on Op-

eration Liberate Guam, our goal to reach herd immunity

by Guam's Liberation Day, we remain confident in our

people and their ability to keep each other safe." (PR)

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Revised water hours for Kagman

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. would like to inform the public that effective June 8, 2021, the Kagman scheduled water hours have been revised as follows:

■ Kagman I and II — Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 6am to 6pm

■ Kagman III — Every Tuesday and Thursday, from 6am to 6pm

This schedule will remain in effect until further notice. (PR)

Kids' records at Children's Developmental Assistance Center to be destroyed

The Public School System Early Intervention Program would like to inform parents of infants and toddlers who received Early Intervention Services at the Children's Developmental Assistance Center from 2017 to 2018 that your child's records are no longer needed by the program and will be destroyed in a man-

ner that ensures all personal identifiers are removed from the record and the record is no longer personally identifiable.

The Early Intervention Program will maintain indefinitely a permanent record of your child's name, address, phone numbers, entry date, exit date, and eligibility information.

Records, other than the permanent information listed above, will be destroyed 30 days from the date of this notice.

For any other information,

call Robin Palacios, director, Early Intervention Program at 664-4841. (PR)

4.7-magnitude quake in Pagan region

At 4:08am on June 8, 2021, a report of a 4.7-magnitude earthquake occurred at 18.683°N 145.443°E in the Pagan region of the Northern Mariana Islands. Currently, there are no tsunami warnings or advisories issued by the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center. (PR)



PUBLIC NOTICE

The Office of Grants Management and State Clearinghouse, under the Office of the Governor, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, hereby give notice to all eligible CNMI stakeholders of the available grant funding opportunity for projects that correspond with the CNMI Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP). As of fiscal year 2021, The CNMI has been awarded \$3.8 million. This funding was made available by The National Park Service (NPS) through the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), 54 U.S.C. § 200305.

All eligible stakeholders are encouraged to contact Grants Specialist, Ed Hofschneider Jr. from the Office of Grants Management and State Clearinghouse at (670) 237-2220 or by email at cnmi.scorp@gmail.com.

The opening date for LWCF State Assistance Formula Grants - Construction - FY21 Cycle 2 is June 2, 2021 and the closing date is July 30, 2021. All eligible stakeholders are encouraged to review grant notice P21AS00540 at grants.gov for guidelines and other documentation requirements.

/s/ Epiphania E. Cabrera Jr.
Administrator, OGM / State Liaison Officer, LWCF

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

for

Adetfa Lot, LLC dba Marianas 420 Café

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Date: June 16, 2021
Time: 5:00 pm
Place: Queens Club, Kensington Hotel

Comments on the proposal may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments may be submitted directly to the Zoning Office before 4:30 pm, June 15, 2021. Please send written comments via e-mail to zoningboard@cnmizoning.com. via US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950, or deliver them to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, Dandan, Saipan.

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Opinion

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EDITORIAL

Our kids' education should be based on fact, not propaganda

It's either chutzpah or hypocrisy, maybe both, that leads Education Commissioner Richard Corcoran and the Florida Board of Education to crack down on our children's history lessons. First, they spread fear that our kids will actually learn that (gasp!) the United States has not always been purely mom and apple pie. Then, satisfied they've sufficiently whipped up hysteria, they require a civics curriculum that encourages children to be unthinking drones.

Chattel slavery, Japanese internment camps, Jim Crow, the subjugation of Native Americans—our ancestors did a lot of things that we shouldn't be proud of on the way to saving the world from fascism and communism in the 20th century. We've yet to atone for most of them, which is why much of our history cannot help but be looked at through the prism of race—one way of contextualizing American history that is called critical race theory.

Not that it's the only way history should be taught in schools—not that it's even taught at all in Florida classrooms in most cases. But our educational leaders, at the behest of our governor—who has said taking an honest look at history is “teaching kids to hate their country and to hate each other”—are mandating what teachers can teach in history classes in proposed rules that will be up for a vote July 14 at a board meeting in Pinellas County.

While loudly proclaiming to anyone who will listen that teachers are forcing “crazy liberal stuff” down our children's throats, as Corcoran has termed it, they will at the same time force teachers to teach students that our laws came from the Ten Commandments. That “disorderly protesting” is a sign of “irresponsible citizenship.”

Our laws, of course, do not come from the Ten Commandments. Only three of them—bans against murder, theft and perjury—touch on our laws, and in general, killing someone, taking their stuff and then lying about it was frowned upon even before Moses came down from the mountain.

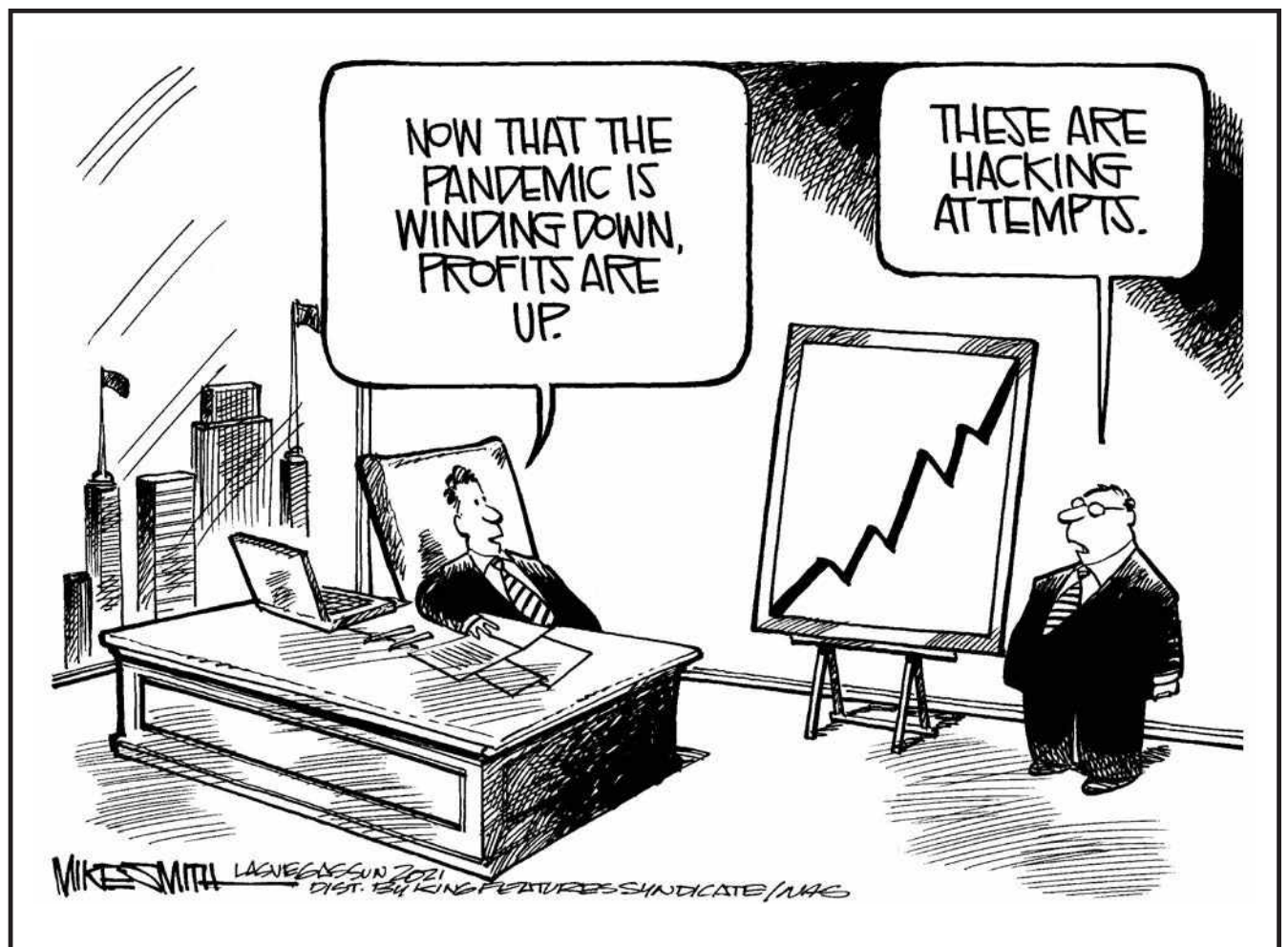
But when your education commissioner is a man with a law degree from Pat Robertson's Regent University, perhaps this is the sort of education we should expect.

The Florida Board of Education should take a page from Florida Atlantic University's Board of Trustees, which, upon realizing that a proposal on tenure was more controversial than members had originally thought, struck the item from its June 8 meeting, putting it off until November, if at all.

In the meantime, through June 10, you can give the Board of Education feedback on its proposed changes to Florida civics standards by completing a survey at <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6360487/Civics-and-Government-Standards-2>.

Our kids may not need to learn history through the prism of critical race theory—we'll leave that up to teachers who know better than us or Corcoran how to educate children—but they do need to learn critical thinking. Forcing teachers to teach our children through red-white-and-blue tinted glasses serves no one.

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World's greatest? That's debatable

On the floor of the United States Senate, which modestly proclaims itself “the world's greatest deliberative body” on its own website, we are now watching a great debate that will surely be unlike anything that stately chamber ever hosted.

Today's debate features the Senate's most powerful critic of ex-President Donald Trump vs. the Senate's most influential advocate of all Trump-backing Republicans.

Their debate topic: Should Americans have an independent commission to finally disclose who was responsible for the horrific Jan. 6 insurrection in which pro-Trump insurgents brutally beat police, seized the U.S. Capitol and halted the Senate's ceremonial certification of Donald Trump's 2020 presidential defeat?

“January 6th was a disgrace,” says Debater Number One. “American citizens attacked their own government. They used terrorism to try to stop a specific piece of democratic business they did not like. Fellow Americans beat and bloodied our own police. They stormed the Senate floor. They tried to hunt down the speaker of the House. They built a gallows and chanted about murdering the vice president. They did this because they had been fed wild falsehoods by the most powerful man on Earth—because he was angry he'd lost an election. There is no question that President Trump is practically and morally responsible for provoking the events of that day.”

Debater Number Two rises to reject the creation of any new commission: “There have been ... and there will continue to be no shortage of robust investigations by two separate branches of the federal government. It's not at all clear what new facts or additional investigation yet another commission could lay on top of the existing efforts by law enforcement and Congress.” (Left unsaid: A new probe might reveal possible complicity between a few congressional Republicans and pro-Trump insurgency plotters.)

Debater Number One rises to rebut: “The people who stormed this building believed they were acting on the wishes and instructions of their president. ... The leader of the free world cannot spend weeks thundering that shadowy forces are stealing our country and then feign surprise when people believe him and do reckless things.”

Debater Number Two shifts gears, arguing this isn't about urgent patriotic concerns, just Washington's same-old politics: “What is clear is that House Democrats have handled this proposal in partisan bad faith from the beginning.”

Suddenly, yet another debate in the world's greatest deliberative body ends abruptly. Oh—and I haven't yet told you the names of today's debaters. They are both Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell.

Debater Number One's words were quotes from McConnell's Feb. 13 Senate speech where, after voting to acquit Trump on his second impeachment, the Kentucky Republican told us what he

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really thinks of Trump.

Debater Number Two's words were from McConnell's May 19 Senate speech, where he opposed creating a new commission – and vowed to use the Senate's archaic filibuster rule to block it. And in an extraordinary plea that put personal political gain above patriotism, McConnell privately pleaded with GOP senators to vote for a filibuster as a “personal favor.” Why? Because he mainly wants to be majority leader again. And he doesn't want to anger Trump's voters.

Trump, of course, is always just about Trump. As a panicky political novice, he first revealed his fear of being a certified loser by repeatedly declaring the only way he could lose is if the election was “rigged.” And ever since he lost in 2020, that's all we've heard from him.

It's just gotten worse. A tweet from The New York Times' Maggie Haberman said Trump has told his pals he expects he will be “reinstated” as president by August – which cannot happen in our constitutional democracy.

Meanwhile, one politician has just shown McConnell what a truly patriotic leader can do to heal a politically fractured nation that is consumed by the politics of hate. To find the answer, McConnell must look halfway around the globe – in, of all places, famously fractious Israel.

A centrist-minded Israeli party leader, Yair Lapid, just moved to end the government of Trump-like Benjamin Netanyahu, by forging a fragile coalition. And to make it happen, Lapid is allowing a very conservative adversary, Naftali Bennett, to serve first as prime minister (Lapid will replace him after two years).

Using language that must have sounded quite foreign to McConnell (see also: quintessentially Bidenesque), Lapid said this unity government “will have a simple goal: to take the country out of this crisis—the coronavirus crisis, the economic crisis, the political crisis and mostly the crisis within us, within the people of Israel. ... (We) will also treat the opposition differently. We won't attack or belittle. We'll respect them and we will deal with the challenges faced by those who didn't vote for us.”

What a concept.

‘Let’s do right by the people we serve’

Editor's Note: The following is the text of the speech the author delivered at the presentation of the Torres-Palacios administration's plan for the CNMI's share of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funds at the Hibiscus Hall of the Crown Plaza (formerly Fiesta Resort & spa Saipan) last week.

Our intention for today's presentation was to give you the details on how your government will be investing the funds from the American Rescue Plan in our islands, but also, to provide you the vision of where our Commonwealth can be following this global pandemic.

Every once and a while, throughout the course of human history, there have been events that have reshaped the world. Many people believe we are living through one of these transformational moments today.

What the world will look like after is unknown, but I know that through the work we are putting into the proper, diligent, and

thoughtful investment of these funds, the CNMI will be in a new position to tackle whatever challenges await us.

This is our moment. I have been around long enough to know of the difficulties our islands face in providing the best possible opportunities for our people. We have been given the chance to recover and thrive in the post-pandemic world, and this is not something any of us here today are going to miss.

The past year has one full of anxiety and worry. Your government has done all it could to keep you safe. And now it is our opportunity to do right by you and get us back on track.

You deserve it. You elected us to provide you and your families a better life here at home. And we will continue to do the work to make that happen.

You have heard where we will be placing these resources to bring us to where we want to be, but this is not the end of the discussion. We need to continue to talk, identify needs, and fill the potholes on our road to recovery together.

By ARNOLD I. PALACIOS

Special to the Saipan Tribune



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So, let's do that.

Bring your thoughts, your concerns to us, but do right by the people we all serve and bring your solutions as well.

We can make this period in our history truly transformational. So let's give it our best shot.

Thank you and let's do this together.

Yes, Democrats should fear the crime wave

On the anniversary of the death of George Floyd, dozens of gunshots rang out in the middle of the day at George Floyd Square in Minneapolis, forcing reporters and bystanders to duck and cover.

The symbolism was unmistakable—the yearlong bout of protest after Floyd's killing has coincided with a surge of urban crime that has made gunplay dismayingly common.

Indeed, the intersection where Floyd was killed, now a memorial blocked to vehicular traffic, has become a watchword for mayhem.

The issue of public safety may be about to play its most significant role in our politics since the mid-1990s, the beginning of a decades-long decline in crime that steadily eroded its political salience.

Donald Trump tried to make law and order a defining issue in 2020, but the rioting he so forcefully denounced was, in most places, too transitory to become an overwhelming issue.

Now, more than a year into a serious crime wave, Democrats are fooling themselves if they think they won't be blamed for rising violence in Democratic-run cities.

Overall, murder increased by more than 25% in the United States last year, the biggest jump in 60 years. Surely, the dislocations of the pandemic have been a factor, but it's also obvious that anti-police agitation has put the cops on their back feet. Exhibit A is Minneapolis.

In the fevered aftermath of the Floyd killing, the City Council pledged to do away with the police department, among the most outlandishly unachievable and self-destructive promises ever made by an elected body. Of course, it couldn't follow through on it any more than it could have followed through on a promise to eliminate traffic lights or municipal snow removal.

Still, cops have fled the force while crime has soared. The impeccably progressive mayor of Minneapolis, Jacob Frey, who desperately wanted to ingratiate himself at a tribunal-like anti-police rally last summer, but, to his credit, wouldn't commit to

defunding the police, now occasionally sounds like he's channeling Rudy Giuliani circa 1993.

Another dyed-in-the-wool progressive, Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler, faced with ongoing unrest that once was blamed on Trump, has called for the city's residents to "take the city back," and for unmasking, arresting and prosecuting rioters.

Los Angeles cut its police budget by 8% in the wake of the Floyd protests, and now is adding it right back. In South Los Angeles, the LAPD is increasing patrols and vehicle stops to search for guns and gang members.

Irving Kristol famously said a neoconservative is a liberal who has been mugged by reality. If progressive politicians who are now sounding friendlier to the police haven't been mugged, they at least have been alarmed by the sound of approaching gunfire.

The turnabout isn't universal. White House press secretary Jen Psaki was asked the other day whether there's a crime problem and, sounding as evasive as when she discusses the border, would only say there is a "guns problem." This was a reference to the completely unconvincing argument that increased gun sales have led to the spike in crime when surges in gun sales since the mid-1990s never before led to higher crime.

The problem that Democrats have is that they have accept-

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ed—and celebrated—the people making a comprehensive case against the police as systematically racist.

This argument doesn't naturally allow for nuance. In fact, it logically entails calling for fewer cops and less police funding, an agenda that will be hard to sell to most people in the best of circumstances but is toxic in an environment of rising crime.

Black Lives Matter has already been losing support in the polls, while trust in the police has been rising. Things would have to get much worse for crime to become as central an issue as it was in the 1970s. But Democrats who aren't alarmed that reporters are dodging bullets at the George Floyd memorial are tempting political fate.

Music and dance continue to drive change

By DAVID L. NEVINS
THE FULCRUM

As I watched the Kennedy Center Honors on Sunday night, I realized that this celebration of lifetime artistic achievement is much more than just another show business awards ceremony.

The Kennedy Center represents the cultural diversity of our country, and the language of the music and the dance presented over the course of the program illustrates how it often has been a catalyst for change.

There is a unique exchange between performers and their audience and the truly great artist raises the collective consciousness of those in attendance as they step into the future with the performer.

Joan Baez was one of the winners, and as a child of the '60s I remember her music well.

Baez was and still is a voice for the disenfranchised and the marginalized. The words of "We Shall Overcome" are as relevant today as they were then, and despite the passing of 50 years I do believe "deep in my heart—we shall overcome someday."

Those who spoke about the life and work of Baez reflected how counterculture her work was at the beginning and how all of a sudden in the 1960s they were the culture; a culture that lived the pluralistic dreams of our founders and the motto of our nation: E pluribus unum. Out of many, we are one.

Debbie Allen was another award winner. Her music and dance were deeply rooted in the Harlem Renaissance of her time, and her work also represents the unlimited potential that comes with creativity. Growing up in the segregated South, she was raised to be independent and free and saw herself as a citizen of the world.

Her words in many ways reflect not only her challenges in life but the challenges of our nation:

"You have to continue to believe in yourself, know your value and continue to work on honing your skills. I was rejected by everyone, but here I sit. So you have to stay in the game, you can't just fall apart. Hopefully those challenges will make you stronger. It did for me."

And then there was Midori, described by a presenter as a

visionary artist, activist and educator who explores and builds connections between music and the human experience, a person who breaks with traditional boundaries to become one of the most outstanding violinists of our time.

One of the presenters spoke of how who Midori "stirs our souls with her music, but has changed our lives with her deeds."

There exists a unique understanding of possibilities of music not only for those who perform, but for those who listen. She recently said, "Artists have a singular responsibility through our work and deeds, to echo and mirror our society and serve its needs."

Midori understands so well the impossibility of perfection in both her music and the society that we live in, but also the common path of both:

"It should be recognized that pure perfection is unattainable. Therefore, the realization that one's irrevocable faults and deficiencies must be faced guides us toward the first step of learning. We must each accept any situation as it actually is, with dignity."

And she has fulfilled that responsibility as an artist. Midori is deeply committed to furthering humanitarian and educational goals. She has founded and manages several nonprofit organizations, including Midori & Friends, which provides music programs for New York City youth and communities, and Music Sharing, a Japan-based foundation that brings both western classical and Japanese music traditions into young lives by presenting programs in schools, institutions and hospitals. In recognition of such commitments, she serves as a United Nations messenger of peace.

The intersection of democracy and culture was reinforced at this event. The musician seeks to inspire his or her audience, and the politician his or her constituency.

"Jazz music is the perfect metaphor for democracy," says famed trumpeter Wynton Marsalis. "The music of The Democracy! Suite may be instrumental, but it speaks for itself, urging us onto action—to get out of our seats and fight for the world we believe in."

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LITERARY NOOK

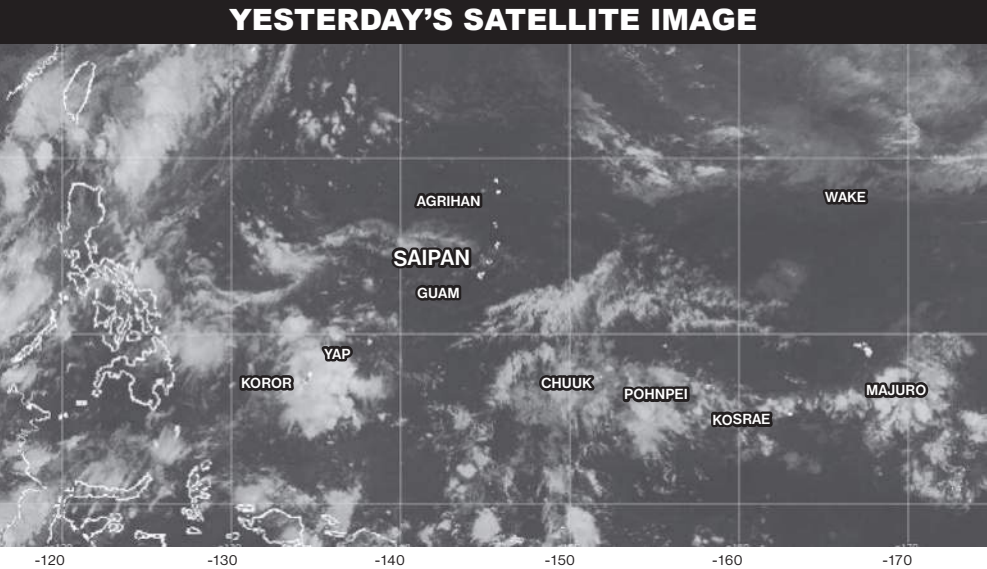
Summer in the Northern Mariana Islands

By DAVID P. CARROLL
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Summer by the sea and
It's so beautiful to stop
And see watching the
Children smiling so bright
Having fun in the warm
Summer sunlight feeling the warmth
On my face and Northern Mariana Islands is just a beautiful
sunny place and the
Taste the sweetest fruits and I'm
Watching the butterflies flow
Oh how I love the summer days
Smiling so bright kissing my beautiful wife
And all of the songs we sung where so
Beautiful and bright in the warm
Summer sunlight and it's truly
Beautiful to see the little birds singing
So passionately to me
And it's summer time and I'll remember this summer's day
and all of my memories will never fade away
Oh how I love summer time in the Northern Mariana Islands
every day.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN									
TODAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
Partly cloudy with isolated showers, except mostly cloudy with scattered locally heavy showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms each afternoon.		Partly cloudy with isolated showers, except mostly cloudy with scattered locally heavy showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms each afternoon.		Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms.		Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms.		Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	
88°	78°	88°	78°	88°	78°	88°	78°	88°	78°



PICTURE TIME: 8:05 AM, TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2021
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Satellite shows mostly sunny skies and little or no shower activity within the Marianas Waters. The buoys reveal combined seas of 2 to 3.5 feet, rapidly becoming 2 to 3 feet. This is composed of slight east-northeast trade-wind swell and wind waves.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

STOP THE SPREAD

The Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. continue to encourage residents within the Marianas to practice social distancing, which means avoiding close contact with people in order to avoid catching the virus yourself and to avoid passing it on to others.

- Stay home as much as possible. Avoid unnecessary travel or public places.
- Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10.
- Choose drive-thru, take-out, or delivery options, or outdoor seating, if available, when dining in.
- Send only one healthy adult from the household run necessary errands, such as getting groceries or picking up medications. Leave children, elderly, and other vulnerable people at home as much as possible. When returning home from an errand, wash your hands before doing anything else.
- Older adults and people with chronic medical conditions are at higher risk of getting very sick from this illness. People at high risk should stay at home as much as possible.
- Create a household plan of action, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/checklisthousehold-ready.html>
- Ensure a 30-day supply of all medicines.

seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Limiting visitors

CHCC appreciates the patience and understanding of the community at this time. To obtain general information about the CNMI COVID-19 response, contact the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force Hotline at 287-0046, 287-0489, 287-1089. These numbers are available Monday to Sunday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For medical information about COVID-19, reach out to the COVID-19 Infoline at the following numbers: 285-1672/1352. These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For mental health support and helpful tips during a crisis, call the Mental Health Support Line at 285-1856, 323-6560, 323-6561. These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30 pm. For the 24/7 Disaster Distress Helpline, call SAMSHA at 1-800-985-5990.

For more information about DIY face coverings, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html>

For more information about CHCC programs, follow CHCC on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter at @cnmichcc, check out our website at www.chcc.gov.mp or call us at (670) 234-8950.

For more information on the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force, visit www.governor.gov.mp and, follow @GovernorCNMI on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

This health advisory may be found online at <http://www.chcc.gov.mp/pressrelease.html> and at www.governor.gov.mp/covid-19.

Rumor control

During crises like this, oftentimes the spread of misinformation is just as dangerous as the virus itself. The CNMI is reminded to only share official and verified notices, press releases, and advisories from the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and CHCC.

Continue good hand hygiene

- Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, avoid touching your face, cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available.

Know the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and what to do if you become symptomatic

- Stay home when you are sick and if you recently traveled to a place with COVID-19. Self-quarantine means:
 - Choosing a room in your house that can be used to separate sick household members from others.
 - Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20

Source: Office of the Governor

MICRONESIA			▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Partly cloudy	90 81	°F
Palau	Thunderstorms	86 78	°F
Yap	Mostly cloudy	85 73	°F
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	85 80	°F
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	86 79	°F
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	85 80	°F
Majuro	Thunderstorms	84 80	°F

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	5:46 AM	6:46 PM
Thursday	5:46 AM	6:46 PM
Friday	5:46 AM	6:47 PM
Saturday	5:46 AM	6:47 PM
Sunday	5:46 AM	6:47 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	4:38 AM	5:47 PM	-
Thursday	5:20 AM	6:38 PM	-
Friday	6:06 AM	7:31 PM	-
Saturday	6:56 AM	8:23 PM	-
Sunday	7:48 AM	9:13 PM	-

AROUND THE GLOBE			▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Sunny	58 44	°F
Beijing	Thunderstorms	89 76	°F
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	88 82	°F
Honolulu	Partly cloudy	84 74	°F
London	Partly cloudy	65 55	°F
Los Angeles	Partly cloudy	74 60	°F
Manila	Thunderstorms	87 79	°F
Melbourne	Sunny	57 46	°F
Miami	Thunderstorms	85 76	°F
New York	Partly cloudy	69 54	°F
Osaka	Partly cloudy	84 60	°F
Paris	Partly cloudy	69 54	°F
Pusan	Sunny	85 59	°F
Rome	Sunny	87 64	°F
Salem	Partly cloudy	77 58	°F
San Francisco	Mostly sunny	66 57	°F
Seoul	Sunny	81 60	°F
Tokyo	Rain	74 67	°F
Washington, DC	Sunny	71 54	°F

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY			FEET
12:57 AM	Low Tide	1.32	
6:01 AM	High Tide	1.93	
1:24 PM	Low Tide	0.06	
8:30 PM	High Tide	1.90	

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 20, 2021											
DEPARTURES						ARRIVALS					
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)						GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN					
UA117	6:30am	7:10am	1, 3, 5, 6,			UA174	4:50am	5:31am	1, 3, 5, 6,		
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)						MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN					
UA117/183	6:30am	8:50pm	5 via Guam			UA184/174	9:50pm	5:31am+1	5 via Guam		
GUAM-MANILA (MNL)						MANILA (MNL)-GUAM					
UA183	7:05pm	8:50pm	5			UA184	9:50pm	3:45am+1	5		
UA183	7:15pm	9:10pm	1, 3,			UA184	10:25pm	4:10am+1	1, 3		
LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); UA United Airlines • ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. <i>(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)</i>											

STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.											
FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 18, 2021											
SAIPAN TO ROTA						1202	8:00	8:15	Daily		
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1301	8:30AM	9:00AM	Daily			1204	10:00	10:15	Daily		
1302	11:00AM	11:30AM	Daily			1205	11:00	11:15	Daily		
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1304	3:30PM	4:00PM	Daily			1207	13:00	13:15	Temporarily Unavailable		
ROTA TO SAIPAN						1208	14:00	14:15	Daily		
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY			1209	15:00	15:15	Daily		
3101	9:30AM	10:00AM	Daily			1210	16:00	16:15	Daily		
3102	12:00AM	12:30AM	Daily			1211	17:00	17:15	Daily		
3103	1:30PM	3:00PM	Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri			1212	17:00	17:15	Temporarily Unavailable		
3104	4:30PM	5:00PM	Daily			TINIAN TO SAIPAN					
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2112	18:30	18:45	Temporarily Unavailable			2112	18:30	18:45	Temporarily Unavailable		

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AMENDED NOTICE OF APPLICATION

As of June 4, 2021

THE FOLLOWING IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE DCRM OFFICE:

APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS	APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS
1. Yumiko N. Brundidge dba Naka's Diving Services	05/06/2021 SLR-2018-143-R4	SCUBA Diving Tour Operation/ Instruction	All Designated Dive Sites on Saipan & Tinian	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 05/27/2021	23. JB Corporation dba Saipan Fresh Adventure	05/27/2021 SLR-2020-X-054-R2	Snorkeling Tour Operation	Grotto, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review
2. John DLG Sablan	05/11/2021 SPIm-2021-029	Drydock	Lower Base, Saipan	Ports & Industrial	Approved 05/27/2021	24. Kwon & Byun Corporation dba Saipan Atty Dive	05/27/2021 SLR-2018-X-122-R4	SCUBA Diving Tour Operation/ Instruction	All Designated Dive Sites on Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review
3. Saipan Marine Dive Co., Ltd.	05/13/2021 SLR-2018-X-073-R4	SCUBA Diving Tour Operation	All Designated Site on Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 05/27/2021	25. Shim Corporation dba Pro Divers Saipan	05/27/2021 STLR-2018-X-100-R4	SCUBA Diving Tour Operation/ Instruction	All Designated Dive Sites on Saipan & Tinian	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review
4. Aqua Connection, Inc.	05/13/2021 STLR-2018-X-067-R4	SCUBA Diving Tour Operation & Snorkeling	All Designated Site on Saipan & Tinian	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 05/27/2021	26. Deep Blue, Inc. dba Deep Blue Diving	05/27/2021 STLR-2018-X-098-R4	SCUBA Diving Tour Operation/ Instruction	All Designated Dive Sites on Saipan & Tinian	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review
5. Wondersea Saipan, Inc.	05/17/2021 STLR-2021-X-103-R4	SCUBA Diving Tour Operation	All Designated Sites on Saipan & Tinian	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 05/27/2021	27. Saipan A-Venture, LLC dba Saipan Adventure	05/27/2021 SLR-2018-X-099-R4	Snorkeling Tour Operation	Grotto, Laulau Bay & Forbidden Island, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review
6. Advance Marine Corp.	05/17/2021 SLR-2018-X-097-R4	Parasailing	Saipan & Mañagaha	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 05/27/2021	28. Hana Tour Service, Inc. dba Saipan Hana Tour	05/27/2021 SLR-2018-X-134-R4	Snorkeling Tour Operation	Mañagaha Island, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review
7. Vertical Aviation, LLC	05/17/2021 SPI-2020-X-043-A1	Extension of Warehouse	Puerto Rico, Saipan	Ports & Industrial	Approved 05/25/2021	29. Korea Tourism Inc. dba Koreana Tourism Bureau	05/27/2021 SLR-2018-X-138-R4	Snorkeling Tour Operation	Saipan-Mañagaha Lagoon	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review
8. Pheonix Enterprises Inc. dba Pheonix Marine Sports	05/21/2021 SLR-2018-X-144-R4	Hobie Cat Sailing & Snorkeling Tour Operation	Saipan Lagoon	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review	30. Big Boy Marine Sports, Inc. dba Big Boyz II Marine	05/27/2021 SLR-2018-X-121-R4	Banana Boat, Snorkeling, Stand Up Paddle Board, & Kayaking	Kanoa Resort Beach Area, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review
9. Interpacific Resorts (Saipan) Corporation dba Pacific Islands Club	05/21/2021 SLR-2018-X-106-R3	Kayaking, Stand Up Paddle Board, Snorkeling, Windsurfing, & Sailing	Lagoon Areas Fronting Pacific Island Club, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review	31. Big Boy Marine Sports, Inc. dba Big Boyz II Marine	05/27/2021 SLR-2018-X-120-R4	Banana Boat, Stand Up Paddle Board, Kayaking, & Snorkeling	Fiesta Resort Beach Area & Mañagaha Island, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review
10. Le Grand Bleu, Inc.	05/24/2021 STLR-2018-X-174-R4	SCUBA Diving Tour Operation/ Instruction & Snorkeling	All Designated Dive Sites on Saipan & Tinian	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review	32. Big Boy Marine Sports, Inc. dba Big Boyz II Marine	05/27/2021 SLR-2018-X-080-R4	Parasailing Operation	Designated Parasailing Zone, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review
11. Mark Arnold L. Santos dba Mac's Marine	05/25/2021 SLR-2018-X-112-R4	Banana Boat, Parasailing, Sea Walker & Lagoon Tour	Saipan Lagoon & Managaha Island	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review	33. Big Boy Marine Sports, Inc. dba Big Boyz II Marine	05/27/2021 SLR-2018-X-081-R4	Personal Watercraft (PWC), Helmet Diving, & Jetboard	Saipan Lagoon	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review
12. Selfish Saipan, Inc.	05/25/2021 SLR-2019-X-038-R3	SCUBA Diving Tour Operation/ Instruction	Laulau Bay, Obyan Beach, & Grotto, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review	34. Akhil Chandra Mollick dba Ichiban Marine Sports	05/27/2021 SLR-2018-X-079-R4	Banana Boat, Wakeboarding, Kayaking, & Snorkeling	Saipan & Mañagaha Lagoon	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review
13. Windsurfing Saipan, Inc.	05/25/2021 SLR-2018-X-118-R4	Windsurfing, Stand Up Paddleboard, Kayaking, & Snorkeling	Hyatt Regency, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review	35. Deep Blue Sea Corporation	05/28/2021 STLR-2018-X-089-R4	SCUBA Diving Tour Operation/ Instruction	All Designated Dive Sites on Saipan & Tinian	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review
14. Department of Public Works	05/25/2021 SMS-2021-033	Route 302 Improvement & Drainage Installation	Naftan, Saipan	Major Siting	Application Review*	36. Sydney J. Takahashy dba Fishguyz Scuba & Charter	05/28/2021 SLR-2018-X-141-R4	SCUBA Diving Tour Operation	All Designated Dive Sites on Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review
15. Micronesia Resort, Inc. dba Kensington Hotel Saipan	05/25/2021 SSCHm-2021-032	Demolition of Storage Building Hazard	San Roque, Saipan	Shoreline, Coastal	Approved* 05/26/2021	37. Dive Marianas Corporation dba Dive Saipan	05/28/2021 SLR-2018-X-088-R4	SCUBA Diving Tour Operation/ Instruction	All Designated Dive Sites on Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review
16. Island Marine Sports, Inc. SLR-2018-X-110-R4	05/26/2021	Parasailing Operation	Designated Parasailing, Zone, Saipan & Mañagaha Island	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review	38. Hi-Five Co., LTD.	05/28/2021 SLR-2018-X-115-R4	Snorkeling Tour Operation	All Designated Dive Sites on Saipan & Mañagaha	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review
17. Asia Pacific, Inc. dba Asia Asia Marine Sports	05/26/2021 SLR-2018-X-111-R4	Banana Boat & Snorkeling Tour Operation	Saipan Lagoon & Mañagaha	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review	39. Diving Shop Light House Inc.	05/28/2021 SLR-2018-X-169-R4	SCUBA Diving Tour Operation/ Instruction	All Designated Dive Sites on Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review
18. Big Eye, LLC	05/26/2021 STLR-2021-034	SCUBA Diving Tour Instruction/ Operation	All Designated Dive Sites on Saipan & Tinian	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review*	40. Micronesia Resort, Inc. dba Kensington Hotel Saipan	05/28/2021 SLR-2018-X-185-R4	Sailing, Snorkeling, Stand Up Paddle Board & Kayaking	Lagoon Area Fronting Kensington Hotel, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review
19. BSEA Inc. dba BSEA Sunsports	05/26/2021 SLR-2018-X-076-R4	Banana Boat & Snorkeling Tour Operation	Saipan & Mañagaha Lagoon	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review	41. Time Creation Corporation dba TCC Diving Tour	05/28/2021 SLR-2018-X-070-R4	SCUBA Diving Tour Operation/ Instruction	All Designated Dive Sites on Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review
20. BSEA Inc. dba BSEA Sunsports	05/26/2021 SLR-2018-X-077-R4	Parasailing Operation	Designated Parasailing Zone, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review	42. Luana Inc. dba Heart of Gold Divers	05/28/2021 SLR-2018-X-070-R4	SCUBA Diving Tour Operation/ Instruction	Grotto, Obyan Beach, Wing Beach, & Laulau Bay Area, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review
21. Macro Energy, Inc.	05/26/2021 SLR-2018-X-123-R4	SCUBA Diving Tour Operation/ Instruction	Grotto, Laulau Bay & Obyan Beach	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review	43. Zen Corporation dba Aqua Marine Sports & Production Company	06/01/2021 SLR-2018-X-065-R4	Kayaking, Stand Up Paddle Board, Snorkeling, Sailing, Wind Surfing, & Hobie Cat	Achugao-San Roque Beach Areas & Grotto, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review
22. Marianas Trekking LLC	05/26/2021 SLR-2018-X-101-R4	Kayaking, Stand Up Paddle Board, Snorkeling, & Canoeing	Saipan & Mañagaha Lagoon	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review	44. Saipan International Dive Center	06/01/2021 SLR-2018-X-086-R4	SCUBA Diving Tour Instruction	All Designated Dive Sites, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review

NMIA §15-10-210 of the CRM Rules and Regulations requires all permit applications to be published in a newspaper for general circulation within the CNMI within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the DCRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the DCRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APCs) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local DCRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a DCRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the DCRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the DCRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the DCRM Regulations.

Business

YBEST CAR WASH: Satisfaction guaranteed



YBest Car Wash owner Cecilia Batallones, right, and supervisor Ronnel Andal.

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In a way, YBest Car Wash gives you the best of both worlds.

If you have money to splurge and you want your car to be showroom ready, then go for their \$70 deep detailing service. If you're on a tight budget but still want your car spick and span, then opt for YBest Car Wash's \$20 regular car wash.

Supervisor Ronnel Andal said YBest Car Wash opened just this April but has already gotten rave reviews for their attention to detail (no pun intended) when it comes to cleaning the cars they're servicing.

As the name already suggests, deep detailing involves their expert staff really cleaning every nook and cranny of your car. It entails a deep vacuum, engine wash, body wash using Shine Armor, and sanitizing/fogging. Andal said their fogging machine comes from the Philippines, while the fog fluid is imported from the U.S. mainland.

"What's more, at \$70, that's half the price other car detailing shops are currently charging," he said.

The regular car wash is just a car wash minus the engine wash and fogging service but still uses Shine Armor to buff your car.

YBest Car Wash owner Cecilia Batallones said she decided put up the car wash because they also have a car rental and a used car business. "So, it only made sense to do the detailing of our fleet of cars in-house rather than outsource



YBest Car Wash's fogger machine in action.

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the work," she said, adding that ABC Rent A Car currently has 50 units.

She said YBest Car Wash is actually an offshoot of the COVID-19 pandemic when car rentals became slow. "I was thinking of a new business that would complement our existing businesses and I said 'why not a car detailing shop?' and that's how YBest Car Wash was born?"

Batallones said she named their new business YBest Car Wash because the rhetorical question readily answers itself, "because YBest Car Wash is the best!"

Andal said another reason why their car wash is better than other car wash operations on island is they really take the time to clean and ex-

pertly detail the cars they service. In fact, he said, customers need to call in advance to schedule an appointment as their staff can only work on one car at a time.

"It takes about 2 hours for us to clean and detail your car (including the engine wash) with the last 15 minutes to complete the fogging process. So, rest assured you will be getting what you paid for and that is satisfaction guaranteed," he said.

YBest Car Wash is located in the same compound as ABC Rent a Car beside the New Century Apartment and near the Shell Gas Station Dandan traffic light. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 588-7846 or 234-1048.

Nation

AS BIDEN AGENDA STALLS 'A lot of anxiety' for Democrats

WASHINGTON (AP)—Hopes for a big infrastructure investment are teetering. An ambitious elections and voting bill is all but dead. Legislation on police brutality, gun control and immigration has stalled out.

After six months of Democratic control in Washington, the party's progressive wing is growing increasingly restless as campaign promises go undone—blocked not only by Republican obstruction, but also by Democrats' own inability to unite fully around priorities.

The time ahead is pivotal for President Joe Biden and his allies in Congress to seize what some view as a transformative moment to rebuild the economy and reshape the country.

"There's a lot of anxiety," said Rep. Ro Khanna, D-Cal., who had been a co-chair of Bernie Sanders' presidential bid. "It's a question really for President Biden: What kind of president does he want to be?"

The summer work period is traditionally among the busiest for Congress, but especially sharpened this year as Democrats strain to deliver on Biden's agenda. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer warned colleagues

that June will "test our resolve." Infrastructure talks are dragging, though Biden is expected to talk again Tuesday with Sen. Shelley Moore Capito, the lead Republican negotiator. But the limits of bipartisanship in the 50-50 Senate increasingly clear.

The party suffered a debilitating blow over the weekend when Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., announced his opposition to the voting bill, titled S.1 because it is a top party priority. Many Democrats view it as crucial to protecting democracy and a direct response to restrictive new voting laws being passed in Republican-led states egged on by Donald Trump, the former president.

"Do I feel discouraged? Yes," said Rep. Pramila Jayapal, D-Wash., chairwoman of the Congressional Progressive Caucus, warning of a failure of deliver on the promises. "We will lose voters for a generation."

Schumer, in setting the agenda, is challenging senators to prepare to make tough choices. But he is also facing a test of his own ability to lead the big-tent party through a volatile period of shifting priorities and tactics in the aftermath of the

Trump era and the Capitol insurrection.

While Democratic senators have been generating goodwill by considering bipartisan bills in the evenly split Senate, they face mounting pressure from voters who put them in office to fight harder for legislation that Republicans are determined to block with the filibuster. Democrats hold the edge in the Senate because Vice President Kamala Harris can break a voting tie.

Fed up by the delays, some senators are ready to change the rules to eliminate the filibuster, which they blame for the inaction. The long-running Senate filibuster rules require 60 votes to advance most legislation, meaning as many as 10 Republicans would need to cross party lines to help Democrats achieve their priorities. Some senators propose reducing the voting threshold to 51.

But Manchin, in announcing his opposition to the voting rights bill Sunday as the "wrong piece of legislation to bring our country together," also restated his refusal to end the filibuster—for now, denying his party a crucial vote needed to make the rules change that could help advance its agenda.

Kids 5 and up get shots in tests for COVID vaccine

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Seven-year-old Russell Bright squeezed his dad's hand tightly as tests of Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine started Monday in Louisiana for children ages 5 through 11.

Children held stuffed animals, played under chairs and a few cried at Ochsner Medical Center, just outside New Orleans. Their temperature and blood pressure were checked, their noses swabbed and their blood drawn for tests. Finally, they got a shot of either the vaccine or a placebo.

Ochsner is among 98 facilities in 26 states, the District of Columbia, Finland, Poland and Spain where the tests are taking place or planned.

Families won't know for six months whether their children actually were vaccinated. At that point, children who didn't get the vaccine will have the chance to do so.

The Pfizer vaccine was approved May 10 for children aged 12-15.

Adam Bright, whose younger son Tucker, 5, also is participating, said it was worth the chance to be a part of the trial.

"I want to do my part and have my kids do their part," he said. "Both me and my wife are already vaccinated, and so the sooner I can get them vaccinated and to feel comfortable being outside, not having to wear a mask, I thought the easiest way to get it is to go through the trial."

Russell, wearing a Spider-Man mask, said he longs for a summer vacation that can include the water park or a longer trip—and then school without masks and social distancing.

"I'm looking forward to seeing my friends more and not wearing masks," he said. "You can't see if I'm making a frown or a smile. I don't like to wear them."

Five-year-old Kalil Chaudhry-Halperin held a stuffed toy Bruni—the lizard-like fire spirit in the mov-

ie Frozen 2—as he waited at Ochsner.

He was shy and a bit nervous, but his dad, Jason Halperin, says Kalil was excited, because he knows his parents and his 12-year-old sister have all been vaccinated.

"You know how much we've all been through, our entire community, but now we have safe, effective, life-saving vaccines, and it not only helps him but the entire community and anyone vulnerable around our family," Jason Halperin said. "That's a great lesson to impart to our children."

Adam Bright said he's confident the Pfizer vaccine is safe, especially after seeing how smoothly vaccinations seem to be going for the next age group up.

Russell said he hopes that if and when the vaccine is cleared for emergency use for kids his age, they'll take advantage of the chance.

"Be brave and do it," he said.

Asia

ASIAN BRIEFS

Official: Death toll rises to 63 in Pakistan train collision

GHOTKI, Pakistan (AP)—The death toll from a horrific collision of two trains in southern Pakistan rose to 63 on Tuesday after rescuers pulled 12 more bodies from crumpled cars a day after the crash, officials said. The collision took place on a dilapidated railway track in Ghotki, a district in the southern Sindh province, when an express train barreled into another that had derailed minutes earlier before dawn on Monday. Most of the passengers—there were about 1,100 on both trains—were asleep when the Millat Express, traveling between the southern port city of Karachi to Sargodha in eastern Punjab province, derailed and many of its cars overturned. As passengers scrambled to get out, another passenger train, the Sir Syed Express, crashed into the derailed coaches. Rescue work continued throughout the day Monday, overnight and into Tuesday. Bodies of passengers

killed in the crash were taken to their hometowns for burial. Shafiq Ahmed Mahisar, commissioner in Sukkar district, said 12 more bodies were retrieved after the overnight efforts. More than 100 passengers were injured, he said. Army engineers and soldiers dispatched from a nearby military base assisted in the rescue and heavy machinery arrived in Ghotki hours later, to cut open some train cars.

Myanmar junta to start court case against Suu Kyi next week

NAYPYITAW, Myanmar (AP)—Myanmar’s military junta will begin presenting its case against deposed leader Aung San Suu Kyi in court next Monday, her lawyers said. The military arrested Suu Kyi in February when it overthrew her elected government. Public resistance to the coup remains strong and in recent months has taken the form of a low-level armed insurrection. Government prosecutors will have until June 28 to finish their presentation in the court in Naypyitaw, the capital, where she is being tried on five

charges, after which Suu Kyi’s defense team will have until July 26 to present its case, said Khin Maung Zaw, the team’s senior member. Court sessions are to be held on Monday and Tuesday each week. Khin Maung Zaw spoke to journalists after a procedural hearing on Monday for Suu Kyi and two fellow defendants, ousted President Win Myint and former Naypyitaw Mayor Myo Aung. Suu Kyi’s supporters say the charges against her are politically motivated and are meant to discredit her and legitimize the military’s takeover. If convicted

of any of the offenses, she could be banned from running in an election promised by the junta within one or two years of its takeover.

In major policy shift, India to provide free vaccines to all

India’s federal government will provide free coronavirus shots to any adult starting later this month and take back control of the country’s vaccination drive, marred by delays and shortages, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced Monday. The chang-

es reverse a policy launched in April which tasked states and the private sector with vaccinating those between the ages of 18 and 44. The federal government will now procure 75% of all vaccines directly from the manufacturers and provide them to the states for free, while the remaining 25% will be purchased by the private sector. Under the earlier policy, the federal government gave free shots to people above 45 years of age and front-line workers, leaving states and private hospitals to administer inoculations to those between 18 and 44. Although

most states vaccinated those in this age group for free, they were competing for doses with the private sector. Experts say vaccine makers reaped more profits by selling at a higher price to the private sector, causing many states to scramble for supplies. Modi’s announcement in a nationally televised speech came as pressure was mounting on his government to speed up vaccinations and ensure equity. Last week, the Supreme Court called the previous vaccination policy “arbitrary and irrational.” (AP)



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

**For: Marianas Visitors Authority
TOURISM RESUMPTION INVESTMENT PLAN (TRIP)**

**MVA-RFP-21-2032 TRIP-AIRLINES
MVA-RFP-21-2033 TRIP-HYBRID QUARANTINE FACILITY
MVA-RFP-21-2034 TRIP-CORRIDOR HOTELS**

Submission /Closing Date: **June 23, 2021
10:00AM (ChST)**

Time:

Submit sealed proposals to: Marianas Visitors Authority
Attn: Procurement Office
San Jose Professional Building
Beach Rd., San Jose
P.O. Box 500861
Saipan, MP 96950

Interested parties may pick up the Scope of Work on or after **June 09, 2021** at the **Marianas Visitors Authority Office, San Jose Professional Building, Beach Road, San Jose, Saipan**, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

/s/ Ellsbeth Viola Alepuyo
Chairperson, MVA Board of Directors

/s/ Priscilla M. Iakopo
Managing Director, MVA



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

MVA-RFP-21-2028

For: Marianas Visitors Authority Purchase, Design, Develop, Test and Installation of Research System

Submission /Closing Date: **August 13, 2021
3:00 p.m.**


Time:

Submit sealed proposals to: Marianas Visitors Authority
Attn: Procurement Office
San Jose Professional Building
Beach Rd., San Jose
P.O. Box 500861
Saipan, MP 96950

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/s/ Ellsbeth Viola Alepuyo
Chairperson, MVA Board of Directors

/s/ Priscilla M. Iakopo
Managing Director, MVA



NMPASI

NORTHERN MARIANAS PROTECTION & ADVOCACY SYSTEMS, INC.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

NMPASI hereby seeks comments and/or suggestions from the community on how to improve upon its proposed Statement of Goals & Priorities for fiscal year 2022 as follows:

Statement of Goals and Priorities

[Fiscal Year 2022]

[CLIENT / COMMUNITY SERVICES]

GOAL 1: To provide legally-based advocacy services on behalf of individuals with disabilities and their families in the CNMI.

Priority 1.1: Facilitate appropriate advocacy and provide direct representation for eligible individuals with disabilities in the community (at least one more than the previous fiscal year).

Priority 1.2: Facilitate sufficient technical assistance to individuals with disabilities, family members of individuals with disabilities and other members of the general community at large.

Priority 1.3: Facilitate appropriate representation for un/underserved individuals with disabilities (including but not limited to those living in institutions or other housing facilities).

GOAL 2: To advance the understanding of and appreciation for Protection & Advocacy services and disability-related issues in the CNMI.

Priority 2.1: Facilitate opportunities for the community to engage in learning about disability-related issues.

Priority 2.2: Promote the understanding of local and federal disability laws.

Priority 2.3: Foster local capacity in self-advocacy for individuals with disabilities.

[ADMINISTRATION/OPERATIONS]

GOAL 3: To enhance the quality of protection & advocacy services and the efficiency of the organization's operations.

Priority 3.1: Maintain an efficient, effective and legally-compliant administrative operation.

Priority 3.2: Maintain an effective, diverse and knowledgeable staff and board of directors.

Priority 3.3: Ensure sufficient and sustainable funding in support of organization's mission.

For anything further, please feel free to contact the NMPASI Office at (670) 235-7273/4 [tel.] / 235-7275 [fax] / 287-0652 [text message] or contact us on-line at www.nmpasi.org.

**NMPASI, a local non-profit organization, administers grant funds from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)/Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS)/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the Administration on Developmental Disabilities (ADD), and the Human Resources Services Administration (HRS), the U.S. Department of Education (DOE)/Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA), and the Social Security Administration (SSA).*

World

Spain opens borders to tourists and cruise ships

PALMA DE MALLORCA, Spain (AP)—Spain jump-started its summer tourism season on Monday by welcoming vaccinated visitors from most countries as well as European tourists who can prove they are not infected with coronavirus. It also reopened its ports to cruise ships.

The move opened borders for the first tourists from the United States and other countries outside of the European Union since those travelers were banned in March last year, when the pandemic hit global travel.

Matthew Eisenberg, a 22-year-old student, excitedly stepped out of Madrid airport, ready to enjoy the Spanish capital along with two more American friends.

"We came to Spain the first day we could, because we are very excited to travel here," Eisenberg said, showing a certificate for the two Moderna vaccine jabs he received in February and March.

But Spain is still banning nonessential travelers from Brazil, India and South Africa, where virus variants have been a major source of concern.

Visitors need proof they

were fully vaccinated at least 14 days before the trip or that they overcame a COVID-19 infection in the past six months. The certificates can be in Spanish, English, French or German—or their equivalent translations in Spanish, the government order said.

The vaccines accepted are those approved by Europe's drug regulator—Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, AstraZeneca and Johnson & Johnson—as well as two Chinese vaccines authorized by the World Health Organization, Sinopharm and Sinovac.

The same documents will be valid for visitors from the European Union until the bloc fully rolls out its "Digital Green Certificate" as expected on July 1. Spain on Monday joined seven other EU countries already implementing the scheme.

Alfredo González, an official in charge of digital health and innovation at Spain's Health Ministry, said the certificate is not a passport but a document that eases mobility across Europe.

"Without the certificate, travel will be possible, but the entry in every country will be slower and controls such

as quarantines could apply," said González, adding that all airports had established fast-track channels with technology able to confirm the digital certificates issued by other EU countries.

Beginning Monday, non-vaccinated travelers from the EU's 27 countries could also enter Spain with the negative results of recent coronavirus antigen tests, which are cheaper and faster than PCR tests.

The Spanish government hopes to welcome 14.5 million to 15.5 million visitors between July and September. That's about 40% of the tourists in the same period of 2019 but twice as many as last summer, when only EU visitors could enter Spain.

Tourism is a major industry that in 2019 accounted for over 12% of Spain's GDP.

In a setback, many British tourists who love Southern Europe's beaches aren't expected in large numbers yet because they must quarantine upon their return to the U.K.

Still, Manchester resident Randolph Sweeting said his holiday on the Spanish island of Mallorca was worth the mandatory self-isolation when he gets home.

Canadian police say Muslim family targeted by deadly attack

TORONTO (AP)—A driver plowed a pickup truck into a family of five, killing four of them and seriously injuring the other in a deliberate attack that targeted the victims because they were Muslims, Canadian police said Monday.

Authorities said a young man was arrested in the parking lot of a nearby mall after the incident Sunday night in the Ontario city of London. Police said a black pickup truck mounted a curb and struck the victims at an intersection.

"This was an act of mass murder perpetuated against Muslims," Mayor Ed Holder said. "It was rooted in unspeakable hatred."

Police said the dead were a 74-year-old woman, a 46-year-old man, a 44-year-old woman and a 15-year-old girl. A 9-year-old boy was reported in serious condition. The family requested the names not be released, officials said.

"In one act of murder some individual has wiped out three generations of family. It's horrific," Holder said in

an interview with The Associated Press.

Nathaniel Veltman, 20, was in custody facing four counts of first-degree murder. Police said Veltman, a resident of London, did not know the victims.

Detective Supt. Paul Waight said police did not know at this point if the suspect was a member of any specific hate group. He said London police are working with federal police and prosecutors to see about potential terrorism charges. He declined to detail evidence pointing to a possible hate crime, but said the attack was planned.

About a dozen police officers combed the area around the crash site looking for evidence Monday. Blue markers on the ground dotted the intersection.

"We believe the victims were targeted because of their Islamic faith," Police Chief Stephen Williams said. "... There is no tolerance in this community who are motivated by hate target

others with violence."

Canada is generally welcoming toward immigrants and all religions, but in 2017 a French Canadian man known for far-right, nationalist views went on a shooting rampage at a Quebec City mosque that killed six people.

One woman who witnessed the aftermath of the deadly crash said she couldn't stop thinking about the victims. Paige Martin said she was stopped at a red light around 8:30 p.m. when a large pickup roared past her. She said her car shook from the force.

"I was shaken up, thinking it was an erratic driver," Martin said.

Minutes later, she said, she came upon a gruesome, chaotic scene at an intersection near her home, with first responders running to help, a police officer performing chest compressions on one person and three other people lying on the ground. A few dozen people stood on the sidewalk and several drivers got out of their cars to help.

Good Housekeeping

GRETCHEN'S TABLE:

Pasta salad with chicken and sun-dried tomatoes

By **GRETCHEN MCKAY**
PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE

With Memorial Day in the rearview mirror, it's officially time to move meals outdoors. It's hot in front of your stove, and don't you want to enjoy the sunshine or a summer sunset?

Pasta salads are ideal for deck and porch dining because you don't have to heat them up. They also come together in no time and make excellent leftover lunches.

This recipe can be adapted to personal tastes in so many ways. If you don't like arugula, substitute finely cut baby spinach, shredded kale or a handful of fresh basil. Roma or cherry tomatoes can stand in for sun-dried. Trade the lemon aioli for a tangy balsamic vinaigrette. Garnish with some olives or your favorite chopped herbs. Anything goes!

I used busiate Trapanesi, a long twisted pasta from Sicily, because it is pretty and just feels fancy. Easier-to-find options include rotini, farfalle, fusilli or tube pastas like penne.

Like all good summer salads, this one can be served at room temperature or chilled, with some crusty Italian bread for scooping up dressing.

PASTA SALAD WITH

By **CATHY HOBBS**
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Texture can add a lot to a space. Faux fur accessories such as throws, pillows and even some small furniture pieces remain on trend. All are easy ways to add this high-texture element to your home.

When looking to incorporate faux fur or high texture, here are some top tips.

DO:

1. Incorporate elements that can be used in various rooms such as toss pillows and throws.
2. Use oversized elements such as large throws.
3. Use pelts as an alternative to throws on small furniture elements such as benches and ottomans.
4. Use faux fur to add a



A creamy lemon aioli adds some zing to this pasta salad made with sun-dried tomatoes, arugula and shredded chicken.
(GRETCHEN MCKAY/PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE/TNS)

CHICKEN AND SUN-DRIED TOMATOES PG tested

1/2 pound spiral pasta such as fusilli or busiate

1 1/2 to 2 cups shredded rotisserie chicken

2 large handfuls baby arugula (about 2 cups)

1/3 cup chopped sun-dried tomatoes in oil, or more or less to taste

1/4 to 1/3 cup creamy lemon dressing (recipe follows)

1/2 cup shredded fresh mozzarella

For dressing: whisk together 1/2 cup plain yogurt, 2 tablespoons mayonnaise, juice and zest of 1 lemon, 1 minced garlic clove and 1 tablespoon

Dijon mustard. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Can keep in the refrigerator for up to 3 days.

Bring a large pot of water to a boil for the pasta. When it's boiling, add a few generous pinches of salt and add the pasta. Cook until al dente, according to package instructions (12 minutes for busiate). Drain pasta and place in a large serving bowl.

Add chicken, arugula, sun-dried tomatoes and mozzarella to bowl, and toss gently to combine.

Add lemon dressing, a little at a time, until desired finish. Mix one last time.

Serves 4.

Design Recipes: The do's and don'ts of decorating with faux fur



A faux fur throw adds a finishing touch in this bedroom.

(DESIGN RECIPES/TNS)

sense of contrast.

5. Look for unexpected faux fur elements such as small furnishings.

DON'T:

1. Be afraid to use faux fur in colors other than white. Black and even chocolate brown can be elegant and luxurious.
2. Overdo it. In most in-

stances, less is more.

3. Overlook the opportunity to use faux fur as floor coverings.

4. Pair faux fur with other fur elements, as it can often overwhelm.

5. Overly expose faux fur to water, which can often change its look and texture.

Life & Style

Mini Lady Liberty statue heads to US for July 4 celebrations

PARIS (AP)—A replica of the Statue of Liberty, smaller but based on the original plas-

ter cast of its big sister on Ellis Island, a gift from France, was given a sendoff Monday ahead

of a trip to the United States where it will be displayed for Independence Day.

The nearly 3-meter-high (nearly 10-foot high) bronze will make a nine-day trip across the Atlantic Ocean later this month, sailing out aboard a container ship from the French port of Le Havre to Baltimore. It will then be transported to Ellis Island, arriving in time for July 4

celebrations.

The mini-Lady Liberty is then set to go on display in the gardens of the French Embassy in Washington D.C., arriving there in time for France's Bastille Day celebration July 14. The statue will stay there for the next decade.

The monumental Statue

of Liberty in New York's harbor, by sculptor Auguste Bartholdi, symbolizes the United States' welcoming to its shores of immigrants seeking refuge and freedom. A gift to America in 1885, it also serves as a monument to the enduring French-American friendship.

Bruce Springsteen plans Broadway return of his one-man show

NEW YORK (AP)—The Boss just can't quit Broadway.

Bruce Springsteen will return to Broadway this summer for a limited run of his one-man show "Springsteen on Broadway." Performances at the St. James Theatre begin June 26 with an end date set—at least for now—for Sept. 4.

"I loved doing 'Springsteen on Broadway' and I'm thrilled

to have been asked to reprise the show as part of the reopening of Broadway," the rocker said in a statement.

"Springsteen on Broadway" debuted in 2017 and was extended three times, finally closing in late 2018. Columbia Records put out a two-disc soundtrack of "Springsteen on Broadway" and a filmed version of the show is on Netflix.

In the show, Springsteen performs 15 songs—including "My Hometown," "Thunder Road," and "Born in the USA"—and tells stories about growing up in New Jersey. Some of the stories will be familiar to readers of his autobiography, and he even reads from it. His wife, Patti Scialfa, accompanies him for "Brilliant Disguise."

Rick Warren retiring as lead pastor at California megachurch

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP)—Megachurch pastor Rick Warren has announced his retirement after 42 years of leading Saddleback Church in Southern California. A search for his successor will be launched this week.

The well-known evangelical pastor and best-selling author told his congregation on Sunday that the search is not the end but the "beginning of the beginning." The Orange County Register re-

ported Monday.

Warren, 67, said he will continue to serve as lead pastor until a successor is in place. He said he will then step back into a less "visible position as founding pastor."

There is no timeline for the search, which will look at candidates both within and outside the church. Warren declined to

speak about his retirement plans on Monday.

"Kay and I made this crazy promise when we were 25 years old that we would give 40 years to one location, that we wouldn't move and that we wouldn't

be tempted to go to another church," Warren said before preaching his 40th Easter service in 2019.



Warren

Copeland, Ingram among winners of Blues Music Awards

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—Singer Shemekia Copeland and guitarist Christone "Kingfish" Ingram are among this year's top winners at the Blues Music Awards.

Veteran musicians Charlie Musselwhite and Elvin Bishop also won multiple awards for their album "100 Years of Blues" during Sunday's awards show, which was held

online due to COVID-19 pandemic precautions.

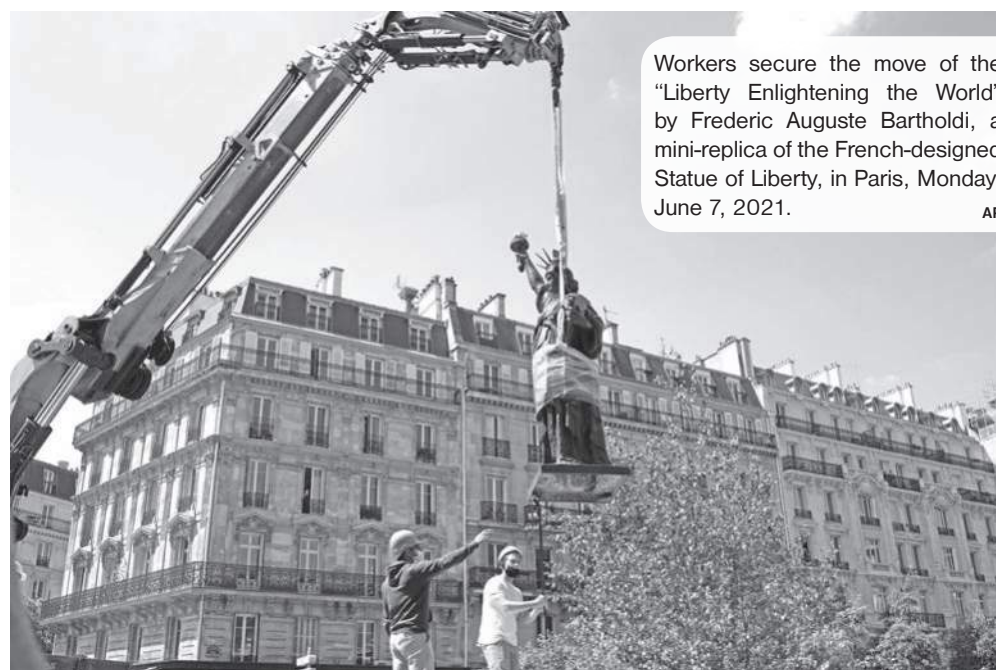
Winners were chosen by members of The Blues Foundation, based in Memphis. The awards have been held for 42 years.

Copeland won the B.B. King Entertainer of the Year award, the show's top honor. She also won the contemporary blues female artist and

the contemporary blues album awards.

Ingram, who won five times last year, took home the contemporary blues male artist and guitar instrumentalist awards.

The collaboration between Bishop and Musselwhite led to awards for album of the year and traditional blues album of the year.



Workers secure the move of the "Liberty Enlightening the World" by Frederic Auguste Bartholdi, a mini-replica of the French-designed Statue of Liberty, in Paris, Monday, June 7, 2021. AP

'I May Destroy You' wins at British Academy TV awards

LONDON (AP)—"I May Destroy You" won two main prizes at the 2021 British Academy Television Awards, in a ceremony that rewarded TV that tackled tough issues including sexual consent and racism.

The drama about a woman dealing with the aftermath of a sexual assault was named best miniseries, while creator and star Michaela Coel won the best actress prize.

Coel dedicated the award to the show's director of intimacy, Ita O'Brien, "for making the space safe for creating physical, emotional, and professional boundaries so that we can make work about exploitation, loss of respect, about abuse of power, without being exploited or abused in the process."

Paul Mescal was named best actor for Irish love story "Normal People" at a live ceremony

on Sunday with a limited, socially distanced audience.

The best supporting actress trophy went to Rakie Ayola for "Anthony," a drama based on the death of a Black British teenager in a racist attack in 2005. Malachi Kirby was named best supporting actor for "Small Axe," director Steve McQueen's series about Britain's West Indian community from the 1960s to the 1980s.

Mother can't stand daughter's girlfriend

DEAR ABBY: My college senior daughter, "Lisa," insists on inviting her "significant other" to every holiday and to our home when she's on break. This is Lisa's first girl/girl romance, and she thinks she's in love.

This girlfriend has zero personality and adds nothing to our family dynamic. None of us can stand her. How can I nicely explain to my daughter that although she feels one way, we feel another? She honestly thinks she's going to marry this girl and is VERY pushy when it comes to inviting her wherever we are. Also, this girlfriend is only going into her junior year. She has two more years of school left. Once Lisa graduates this year, she will be five hours from the girlfriend.

She makes my daughter very weird and not in a good way. I'm praying this relationship will end after she graduates. It's horrible. If the girl isn't with her, Lisa calls her 10 times a day. Help!

MOM KNOWS BETTER IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR MOM: Be patient. Because of the circumstances you mentioned in your letter, there is a good chance your daughter's fixation on her "first love" will lessen. I assume that when she returns from college she will be socializing with other people. Cross your fingers and gently encourage it, because it may give her a different perspective. Absence does not always make the heart grow fonder.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been together for 18 years (married for 14). He has recently been hanging around a female friend who supposedly made a move on him while I was away, but he said he turned her down. He sends her private messages, looks her up on social media and "likes" every photo she puts up. Most of them are sexy. Now he wants to try new things in the bedroom. Should I be concerned? I have an uneasy feeling about this.

When I told him I was going to confront her, he got upset with me. He has deleted messages because he said he didn't want me to get the wrong idea if I read them. I'm not sure how I should be feeling about this whole thing.

SOMETHING'S UP IN NEW YORK

DEAR SOMETHING'S UP: Right now you should be "feeling" your husband's relationship with this female "friend" is a threat. There's nothing innocent about deleting conversations that he knows would give you the "wrong" idea. His preoccupation with the sexy photos she is posting is hardly reassuring, and that he suddenly wants to try "new things" in the bedroom is a huge red flag in light of what else is going on.

Quietly talk to a lawyer about what your options are as a wife of 14 years in New York, gather as much financial information as you can, and then raise holy heck with your husband. You have a right to be upset.

DEAR ABBY

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DEAR ABBY: I have been with this man for more than 20 years and we still haven't tied the knot. When I told him that because I'm not his wife, I'm not willing to do wifely duties anymore, he got really upset. Do you think I should give him an ultimatum?

ON HOLD IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR ON HOLD: I think you already have!

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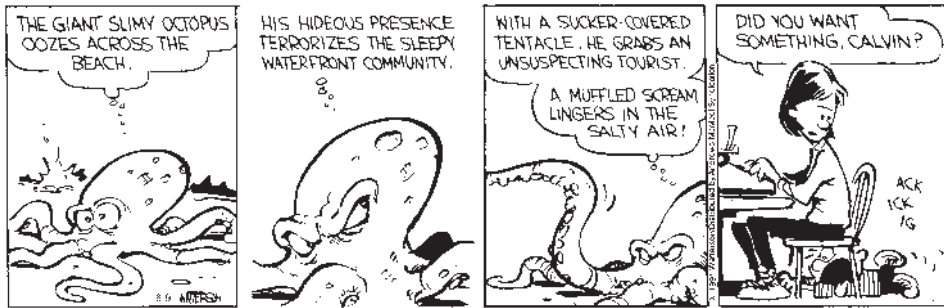
Good advice for everyone—teens to seniors—is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$8 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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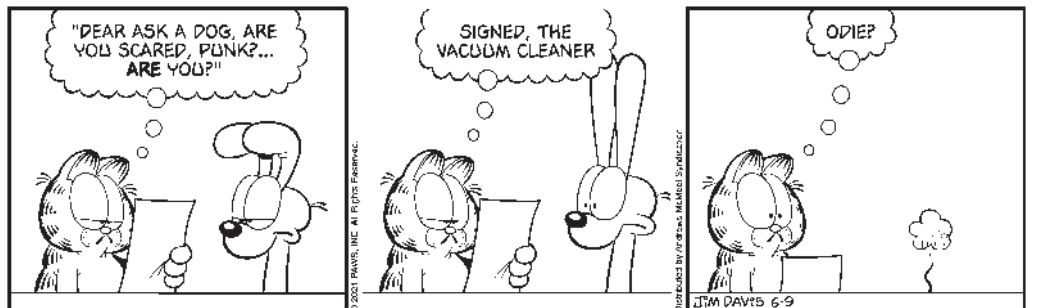
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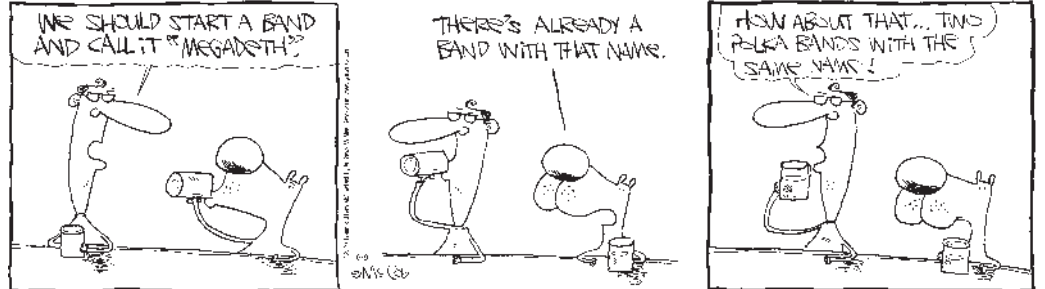
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15 Sofia's place

17 Isaac's eldest

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19 Meddlers

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36 Tribute maker

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54 Victor's cry

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57 Scrambled wd.

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16 Body sci.

20 Finale

23 Candied veggie

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25 Place to get a slice

27 Hankering

29 "It's c-c-cold!"

30 "Uh-huh"

32 Very devoted

34 Lease signers

37 Whatever

39 Pegasus appendage

42 "Lights" singer

44 Ecstasy's opposite

45 — Pet

46 Actress Goldie

48 Buffalo's lake

49 Ms. Moreno

50 Lip

53 Lennon's love

Solution time: 23 mins.

Yesterday's answer 6-9

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Xolo Mariduena, 20; Natalie Portman, 40; Johnny Depp, 58; Michael J. Fox, 60.

Happy Birthday: Lean toward a simpler lifestyle. Practice minimalism, and you will find a way to make the most out of what you already have. Truth, honesty, good health, exercise and love will lead to peace of mind and happiness. Be the one to make a difference and lead the way. You will find the meaning and purpose that causes peace of mind. Your numbers are 6, 17, 24, 28, 31, 39, 45.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Turn up the volume and do your happy dance. If you let the little things get you down, you'll have trouble accomplishing what you set out to do. Dismiss anyone trying to disrupt your plans. Choose reason and logic over reactionary measures. ★★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Indecisiveness will disrupt your day. Use your imagination and skills to overcome any doubts that surface. A personal change will boost your confidence and give you the push you need to follow through with your plans. Romance is in the stars. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't labor over the impossible. Concentrate on what is doable and how to use your skills and knowledge to ramp things up and move forward with your plans. Discipline will help you promote the changes you want to implement. ★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Put an emotional matter to rest before you miss out on something special. Make whatever adjust-

ment is necessary to fit something unique into your schedule. Don't limit your chance to grow or make new connections. A partnership is favored. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Rely on your stamina and ingenuity to get you through your day. Don't let what others do unsettle you. Align yourself with people who are upbeat, share your beliefs and want to bring about positive change. Invest more in self-improvement. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Be cautious when dealing with partners, superiors or joint ventures. Someone will shortchange you regarding disclosures that can influence your response or willingness to participate in a project. Do your due diligence before you sign up for a new adventure. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Bypass anyone who agitates you. Put your energy into learning and communicating with people who have something of interest to share with you. Avoid taking a health risk or taxing yourself physically. Keep life simple and moderate. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Look for a cost-efficient, easy-to-handle opportunity, then proceed. Don't get involved with ventures that you cannot control. Someone will mislead you if you are too eager or gullible. Put your energy into self-improvement and personal growth. ★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Gravitate toward individuals who offer stability and security, not those who are whimsical or overindulgent. Choose a healthy, moderate lifestyle that puts your mind at ease and

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encourages you to look and do your best. Don't give in to temptation. ★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Push for what you want. Don't give in to someone unable to deliver. Conversations that address pending matters will help you clarify your position and resolve issues that make you feel uneasy. The more direct you are, the better. ★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Size up situations before you respond. Keep your input moderate and practical. Refuse to let emotions escalate into something you can't control. Use the experience you have to ensure that you come out ahead. Negotiate on your behalf. ★★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Indulgence will drag you down. Take time to review what you have, what you want and what it will take to reach your goal. Actions will speak louder than words. Live up to your promises, and you will succeed. ★★

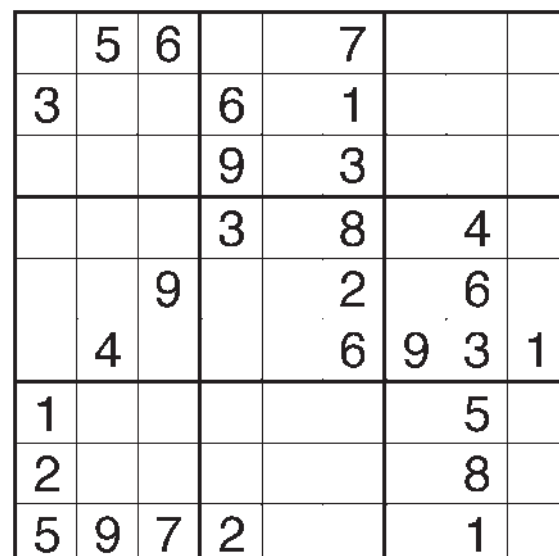
Birthday Baby: You are kind, generous and adaptable. You are clever and imaginative.

★ Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. ★★ You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. ★★★ Focus and you'll reach your goals. ★★★★★ Aim high; start new projects. ★★★★★ Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

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Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green



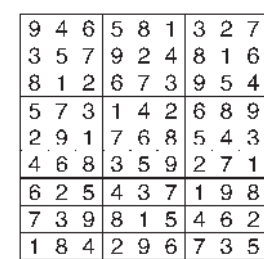
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's Answer



Difficulty Level ★★

WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

ENGAGEMENT RINGS

Solution: 9 letters



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Yesterday's Answer: Protectors

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Durant has 32, Nets up 2-0 after blowout of Bucks



NEW YORK (AP)—Kevin Durant left Giannis Antetokounmpo in his tracks and got to the rim for a reverse layup, with James Harden coming way off his baseline spot to cheer.

Harden may be hurt, but the Brooklyn Nets are showing no hint that they miss him.

"I think we're capable of greatness every single night," Kyrie Irving said.

And the Milwaukee Bucks don't seem capable of stopping it.

Durant scored 32 points in three quarters of a top-to-bottom blowout that sent the Nets halfway to the Eastern Conference finals with a 125-86 rout on Monday night.

The Nets led by as much as 49 in their most lopsided playoff win ever and held the NBA's highest-scoring team 34 points below its season average.

"For the most part we just did what we were supposed to do, win two at home and we've got to see if this game is going to travel on the road for us and we've got to stay locked in," Durant said.

Irving added 22 points and Bruce Brown filled in nicely for Harden with 13 points and six rebounds.

The Nets broke down the Bucks' defense off the dribble all night, setting up uncontested shots that they mostly made. Brooklyn shot 52% from the field and was 21 for 42 from 3-point range.

The Bucks swept their first-round series against Miami but need a big turnaround when they get back home to avoid being swept themselves now.

Antetokounmpo had 18 points and 11 rebounds for the Bucks, but was thoroughly outplayed by Durant in a matchup of NBA MVP winners and sat dejected on the Bucks' bench early in the fourth quarter with the game long since hopelessly



out of reach.

"We feel like we're better than the way we're playing and we know that," guard Jrue Holiday said. "But at this point, we can't really be down. We've got to stay positive."

Khris Middleton added 17 points after a slow start to the series and Holiday had 13.

Game 3 is Thursday in Milwaukee, where the Bucks beat the Nets twice in May while Harden was out with a right hamstring injury.

He left Game 1 after 43 seconds with tightness of that hamstring, but the Nets shook that off to win 115-107. The Nets haven't given a timetable for his return, though he didn't appear too hurt going out under the backboard to holler toward Durant after his driving layup made it 95-65 after three.

The onslaught came quickly. A three-point game midway through the first quarter became 36-19 by the end of it after the Nets closed with

a 23-9 surge. Durant scored 13 points, playing the entire quarter.

He and Irving sat to start the second but the Nets opened with a 7-2 burst to push the lead to 43-21 on Blake Griffin's 3-pointer.

"We didn't play very well overall — first quarter, the whole game. I think we've got to play better from start to end," Bucks coach Mike Budenholzer said.

Griffin had the highlight play of the half, cutting along the baseline to take a pass from Brown and swoop in for the slam, with Antetokounmpo turning his head away at the last second so the ball couldn't crash down on top of him.

Who could blame the Bucks for not wanting to look?

The lead ballooned to 27 late in the half before Brooklyn took a 65-41 cushion to the locker room.

Suns 122, Nuggets 105
In Phoenix, in the opening

minutes of Monday night's game, Chris Paul was bumped on his ailing right shoulder and grimaced for a second. His movements were a little tentative, his shots didn't look quite right.

Then—seemingly almost out of nowhere—he "Point God" was back.

One mid-range jumper fell and then another. A short floater found the net and then a 3-pointer splashed home as the crowd roared. The 11-time All-Star looked like his usual self, the rest of the Suns followed suit and Phoenix rallied for a 122-105 win over the Denver Nuggets in Game 1 of the Western Conference semifinals.

"It was fun to get out there and be involved," Paul said. "That last series — that was tough—but I'm glad to be back helping the team."

Paul and his rejuvenated right shoulder finished with 21 points and 11 assists while Mikal Bridges added a team-high

23 points on 8 of 12 shooting, including 4 of 8 from behind the arc.

The Suns trailed for most of the first half and 70-60 early in the third quarter but rallied to take the lead by late in the third. Devin Booker made a 3-pointer and Bridges added a driving layup for a 79-72 advantage.

They pushed the lead to 88-79 going into the fourth. Paul—who played with an ailing shooting shoulder through most of the first round matchup against the Lakers—made back-to-back mid-range jumpers to put the Suns up 94-79 with 10:25 left.

"We felt that energy," Booker said. "We felt the passion. He just made plays."

The flurry came much to the delight of the sellout crowd of 16,319, who anxiously watched the point guard's every move.

"This crowd is crazy," Paul said. "There's nothing like it. This is why we fought so hard

AP
Milwaukee Bucks center Brook Lopez (11) tries to block Brooklyn Nets forward Kevin Durant (7) as Durant shoots during the first half of Game 2 of an NBA basketball second-round playoff series, Monday, June 7, 2021, in New York.

during the regular season to get home court advantage."

Paul's buckets were the final exclamation points on a 34-9 run that helped Phoenix take control. Deandre Ayton finished with 20 points and 10 rebounds while Booker added 21 points.

It was surprising that the game didn't come down to the final minutes. The three regular-season meetings were all extremely close: One was decided by three points in regulation, another was settled in overtime and the other went to double overtime.

Game 2 is on Wednesday in Phoenix.

"We did some good things but obviously we were unable to sustain it for 48 minutes," Denver coach Michael Malone said. "We all collectively have to better, a lot more physical, a lot more disciplined if we want to win in Game 2."

Nikola Jokic led the Nuggets with 22 points but went cold while the Suns made their second half run. Aaron Gordon added 18 points while Michael Porter Jr. had 15.

The big man matchup between Jokic and Ayton delivered in the first quarter as the two teams fought to a 28-all tie. Ayton threw down a thunderous dunk over Porter while Jokic used his strength and positioning to make five of six shots.

Denver led 58-57 at halftime. Jokic had 15 points and six rebounds before the break while Booker and Ayton countered with 11 points each for the Suns.

NEW YORK (AP)—Tom Thibodeau got the New York Knicks back to the playoffs, guiding the team to its second-best record in 20 years.

And in the eyes of the voters, that coaching job was the best in the NBA.

Thibodeau was revealed Monday as the NBA's Coach of the Year for 2020-21, as determined by a global panel of 100 sportswriters and broadcasters who cover the league. The Knicks went 41-31 this season, then fell to Atlanta in five games in the first round of the playoffs.

It was the closest balloting since this version of voting was introduced 19 years ago. Thibodeau got 43 first-place votes and finished with 351 total points, while Phoenix's Monty

New York's Tom Thibodeau picked as NBA's coach of the year

Williams actually got more first-place votes — he got 45—but finished with 340 points.

"Anytime you get an award like this, I'm obviously honored," Thibodeau said on the telecast announcing the results. "But it's more a reflection of our group and our organization."

It was Thibodeau's second time winning the award; he also got it in 2011, his first season with the Chicago Bulls. And another first-year turnaround in New York merited him the trophy for a second time.

Utah's Quin Snyder was third and got 10 of the remaining 12 first-place votes. Philadelphia's Doc Rivers was fourth, getting the other two first-place votes. Atlan-

ta's Nate McMillan was fifth, Brooklyn's Steve Nash was sixth and Denver's Michael Malone was seventh.

The Knicks were 41-31 this season, and that winning percentage of .569 is the eighth-lowest for any coach of the year winner since the award was first given out in 1963. But the job Thibodeau did in his first New York season was outstanding by any measure, guiding the Knicks to their first playoff berth since 2013 and their second-best record in the last 20 years.

On the TNT broadcast announcing the award, Thibodeau spoke of how he grew up a fan of the Knicks in the era that included Willis

Reed and Walt Frazier, how his coaching style was influenced in part by others with deep ties to the Knicks—like Rivers and Jeff Van Gundy—and how the players on this New York team like Derrick Rose merited much credit as well. Rose was with Thibodeau when he won the award in Chicago a decade ago.

"There were so many people that helped me along the way," Thibodeau said. "I've probably been the luckiest guy in the world."

It's the second major award for the Knicks this season, after Julius Randle won most improved player. Also previously announced was Utah's Jordan Clarkson winning sixth man of the year.

The MVP, defensive player of the year and rookie of the year awards are yet to be announced.

The defensive player of the year finalists are Utah's Rudy Gobert, Golden State's Draymond Green and Philadelphia's Ben Simmons. The MVP finalists are Nikola Jokic of Denver, Stephen Curry of Golden State and Joel Embiid of Philadelphia. And the rookie of the year finalists are LaMelo Ball of Charlotte, Anthony Edwards of Minnesota and Tyrese Haliburton of Sacramento.

Thibodeau's win continues a bit of an odd trend. Out of the last 49 seasons, there have been only three instances of the coach of the year also winning

the NBA title that same season — Phil Jackson did it with Chicago in 1996, and Gregg Popovich did it with San Antonio in 2003 and 2014.

Thibodeau is the third coach to win the award as coach of the Knicks, joining Red Holzman in 1970 and Pat Riley in 1993. He's the 10th to win the award multiple times and the eighth to win with multiple franchises.

Coaches were awarded five points for each first-place vote, three points for each second-place vote and one point for each third-place vote. Thibodeau got 42 second-place votes and 10 third-place votes; Williams got 32 second-place votes and 19 third-place votes. Williams was left off four ballots, Thibodeau was left off five.

Red Sox beat sloppy Marlins 5-3 for 5th straight win


BOSTON

(AP)—Christian Arroyo hit a two-run single in Boston's three-run fourth inning, and the Red Sox took advantage of Miami's shoddy play Monday to hold off the Marlins 5-3 for their fifth straight victory.

Alex Verdugo added an RBI double and two hits for the Red Sox, who were coming off their first three-game sweep at Yankee Stadium since June 2011. "I'm a big believer that when you come from that series (in New York), sometimes you have letdowns," Boston manager Alex Cora said. "To win (tonight) meant a lot. They grinded, they made pitches."

Starling Marte hit a solo homer and two singles for Miami, which stranded 14 baserunners in its ninth loss in its last 10 games.

"I was really proud of the way the club played tonight," Marlins manager Don Mattingly said. "We just kept giving ourselves some chances. ... If we play like that with the same sort of intensity, we'll be fine."

The Red Sox are a season-high 14 games over .500 at 37-23.

The Marlins completed a nine-game, 11-day road trip with just one win, with the first two losses coming in Fenway Park.

Monday's matchup was a makeup of the May 30 game that was rained out, with the conditions vastly different. The game-time temperature was 90 degrees. When the Marlins were previously in town, it was chilly and rainy for the three days.

Hirokazu Sawamura (2-0) got four outs for the victory, escaping a bases-loaded jam by striking out Jesús Aguilar. Adam Ottavino, the fifth reliever, worked 1 1/3 innings for his third save, retiring Jorge Alfaro on a groundout with runners on second and third after allowing a run.

"I felt good, I felt fine, but I was definitely a little tired there at the end," said Ottavino, who pitched for the third straight day. "I felt like today was a huge win. We could have given this one away, but we didn't."

Making his major league debut, Zach Thompson (0-1) took the loss, giving up two runs in three innings.

"That was just unbelievable, a great place to make my debut," said the 27-year-old Thompson, smiling for most of his postgame Zoom session. "You go from playing in front of nobody, then to Fenway Park. Wow!"

Leading 2-1, the Red Sox scored three times, benefiting from two poorly thrown balls that led to the last run.



AP
Boston Red Sox's Christian Arroyo, left, reacts beside Miami Marlins' Jazz Chisholm Jr. after hitting a two-run single during the fourth inning of a baseball game, Monday, June 7, 2021, in Boston.

Arroyo delivered his two-run single and advanced to second when catcher Alfaro fired wildly to first, trying to get him on a wide turn.

Verdugo followed with a hard single to right. Arroyo held and then raced home when Adam Duvall's throw sailed to the backstop.

"Every time I play this game, I give it my all," Arroyo said. "Coming in last

night, getting in late, after that sweep, a promising end to our road trip, it's never easy getting in at 3:10 in the morning and playing."

Xander Bogaerts scored on Thompson's wild pitch in the first.

Boston starter Nick Pivetta was pulled with two outs in the fifth after giving up two runs and seven hits.

"I think they did a tre-

mendous job," Pivetta said of the bullpen.

Angels 8, Royals 3

In Anaheim, Calif., Max Stassi and the Angels turned Jackson Kowar's major league debut into a Royal nightmare.

Stassi homered and drove in three runs as Los Angeles defeated Kansas City 8-3 on Monday night for its ninth victory in 13 games.

The Angels catcher, who finished with three hits, has a .318 batting average in 16 games this season. He is 7 for 15 with two home runs and five RBIs since returning last Tuesday from a concussion.

"I'm not surprised," Angels manager Joe Maddon said. "He swung the bat well last year and is doing it again this year. I think as he continues along, you're going to see a

Logan Paul goes the distance against Floyd Mayweather Jr.


MIAMI
GARDENS,
Fla.
(AP)—
Floyd May-
weather Jr.

outclassed YouTube personality Logan Paul but couldn't stop him inside the distance.

Mayweather and Paul boxed an eight-round exhibition Sunday night at Hard Rock Stadium. With the bout not being scored, no winner was declared.

The 44-year-old Mayweather used the ring skills that propelled him to world titles in five divisions and a 50-0 career record to frustrate Paul with solid lead and counter shots.

Floyd Mayweather 'having fun' as he ramps up for Logan Paul fight Sunday

"You've got to realize I'm not 21 anymore but it's good," Mayweather said in the ring. "He's better than I thought he was. Good little work. Tonight was a fun night."

Mayweather, who won titles in the super-featherweight, lightweight, super-lightweight, welterweight and super-welterweight divisions, has said he



AP
Floyd Mayweather, right, throws a punch at Logan Paul, left, during an exhibition boxing match at Hard Rock Stadium, Sunday, June 6, 2021, in Miami Gardens, Fla.

will not return to competitive boxing. Instead, he will continue to tap into the pay-per-view market with exhibitions like his event with Paul.

Post-fight punch stats showed Mayweather comfortably ahead on total and power shots.

After the fight, Paul celebrated the accomplishment of going the distance against Mayweather.

"Shoot, man, I don't want anyone to tell me anything is impossible ever again," Paul

said. "To get in here with one of the greatest boxers of all time, proves that the odds could be beat.

Paul weighed 189 pounds for the exhibition and attempted to use his 34-pound advantage by leaning on the shorter Mayweather. But Paul's lack of boxing skills left him open to Mayweather's short left hooks to the head and rights to the body.

"He used his weight and tried to tie me up," Mayweather said.

Earlier, former Cincinnati

Bengals wide receiver Chad Johnson boxed a four-round exhibition against multi-combat sport veteran Brian Maxwell. Like the Mayweather-Paul exhibition there was no scoring, but Johnson avoided a knockout loss after he was floored with an overall right to the head in the final round.

Johnson, in his first boxing event, survived the remainder of the round. The 43-year-old Johnson scored with a solid right to the head in the opening minute of the bout and landed combinations to the head in the second round. But in the minute rest before the fourth round, Johnson breathed heavily and rested his arms on the ropes.

"This was fun, I lost my virginity tonight," Johnson said about his maiden boxing experience. "This is one for my bucket list. My life has always been about taking chances."

Luis Arias won a split decision over former super-welterweight champion Jarrett Hurd and former super-middleweight titleholder Badou Jack stopped Dervin Colina in the fourth round.

pretty good hitting catcher. I don't think it's a fluke."

Stassi had an RBI single off Kowar (0-1) during a four-run first inning and hit a two-run, opposite-field shot to right-center in the fifth.

It was only the fourth time in Stassi's nine-year career that he had three or more hits in a game.

"Anytime you are rehabbing during an injury you look at the finer things you can improve. I put in a lot of work to get my swing right," Stassi said.

Dylan Bundy (1-6) snapped a 10-game winless streak. He allowed two runs and six hits in 5 2/3 innings, striking out two.

Kowar, the 33rd overall pick in the 2018 amateur draft, was 5-0 with an 0.85 ERA and 41 strikeouts in 31 2/3 innings at Triple-A Omaha. But the touted prospect faced only seven batters and threw three wild pitches in his big league debut before being lifted after two-thirds of an inning.

The 24-year-old right-hander allowed four runs on three hits and two walks. He became the second AL starter in the expansion era to give up four or more runs in less than an inning in his major league debut (Taylor Hearn was the other in 2019 for Texas).

"Obviously frustrated with the way it went," Kowar said. "I was expecting to have a lot of juice with being in the game, so I accounted for that, but it's hard to prepare for that until you're out there."

Royals manager Mike Matheny said it was a perfect storm of circumstances that contributed to the short night for Kowar. Of his 39 pitches, 18 were called balls but many weren't too far out of the strike zone.

Padres 9, Cubs 4

In San Diego, a scuffling offense sometimes must take whatever it can get until it can get back to slugging.

For the Padres on Monday, all the little things and a few big hits added up to their third victory in nine games.

The creative math: a two-run homer from Brian O'Grady, a solo shot by Manny Machado, four other runs driven in on outs and, finally, RBI hits by Eric Hosmer and O'Grady equaled them beating the Chicago Cubs 9-4 at Petco Park.

Djokovic, Nadal beat Italian teens to reach French Open QFs

PARIS (AP)—For two sets and more than two hours at the French Open on Monday, Novak Djokovic found himself being outplayed by a 19-year-old opponent from Italy making his Grand Slam debut.

And yet, to hear Djokovic tell it afterward, he had the kid right where he wanted him. Which turned out to be true.

Rafael Nadal also faced an Italian who's just 19 in the fourth round — and also needed a bit of time to get going. Nadal's trouble lasted all of eight games and less than 45 minutes Monday before he seized control, ran his Roland Garros streak to 35 consecutive sets and joined Djokovic in reaching a record 15th quarterfinal at the clay-court major tournament.

After dropping a pair of tiebreakers, Djokovic suddenly went from a big deficit to his best tennis. He grabbed 13 games in a row before Lorenzo Musetti stopped playing because of lower back pain and cramps while trailing 6-7 (7), 6-7 (2), 6-1, 6-0, 4-0.

"I like to play young guys in best-of-five, because I feel even if they are leading a set or two sets to love, as it was the case today, I still like my chances," said the top-seeded



Djokovic, who is 34, "because I feel like I'm physically fit and I know how to wear my opponent down."

Nadal, who turned 35 last week, trailed 5-3 early on against the 18th-seeded Jannik Sinner, who served for the first set at 5-4.

But 13-time French Open champion Nadal took eight games in a row and, after a blip in the second set, resumed his excellent play and closed his 7-5, 6-3, 6-0 win on another eight-game run.

"He played better. That's

all there is to say," Sinner summarized.

About the only thing that bothered Nadal down the stretch: He complained to the chair umpire that the stadium's artificial lights shouldn't have been switched on while there was still sunlight.

"They say it is because of the TV," Nadal said. "But my answer is: We used to have TV before we had the lights on here in Roland Garros. I saw plenty of matches here

— and from the TV, the quality of the image was great without the lights."

Sinner and Musetti had planned to practice together at Court Philippe Chatrier on Monday morning before their matches there. But Sinner said his coach — Riccardo Piatti, who mentored Djokovic years ago — messed up the timing.

Musetti, a talented Italian so good at the outset with his one-handed backhand and tremendous touch, is hardly

used to this best-of-five-set format at the majors and he took a medical timeout after the fourth.

"It didn't make sense to keep playing. I couldn't win any points or stay in the rallies. It was hard for me to move," Musetti said. "I was at my limit."

Djokovic wound up 9 for 9 on his break-point chances and with a 53-30 edge in winners.

How shocking was it just to see Musetti take a pair of sets against Djokovic, who is seeking his second French Open championship and 19th Grand Slam trophy overall?

"Even for me," Musetti acknowledged, "it was a little surprising."

The top-seeded Djokovic never has been beaten at Roland Garros by someone ranked as low as the No. 76

Musetti. Djokovic's only previous loss against a teen at the French Open came back in 2006 against a guy named Nadal. And Djokovic entered the day 14-0 in the fourth round at the place.

Plus, consider Djokovic's recent form: He was 10-0 in Grand Slam matches in 2021 and hadn't ceded more than four games in any set in Paris — let alone an entire set — while dropping a total of just 23 games until Monday.

Eventually, Djokovic earned his fifth career comeback from two sets down by limiting his mistakes and making Musetti look like what he is: Someone with plenty of promise but not much experience.

Djokovic's 49th major quarterfinal will come against another Italian, No. 9 seed Matteo Berrettini, who advanced without needing to swing his racket Monday.

The man Berrettini was supposed to face, Roger Federer, withdrew Sunday in order to let his surgically repaired right knee and the rest of his 39-year-old body recover with an eye to Wimbledon, which starts June 28.

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engineer Mariano Iglecias and Stan Good, we had a great team that was really involved in different stages of the proposal," he said.

According to Ogomoro-Uludong, the scope of work for the sports complex includes renovation and rehabilitation to the existing Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium to repair damage, enhance storm resiliency, and improve the building. Construction will include roofing resistant to 190 miles per hour winds and a second-floor addition for office space and conference rooms.

Additionally, separate concrete storage facility (approximately 10 ft. x 20 ft.) to be associated with the gym and track will also be constructed.

The scope of work also includes the construction of an Olympic-size swimming pool with associated facilities such as a cantilevered roof, electronic timers, pumps, piping, water storage, spectator bleachers, locker rooms, and utility rooms.

Two International Tennis Federation tennis courts with associated facilities such as warm-up walls, fencing, and bleachers are also included in the project.

Lastly, the project will cover the rehabilitation and renovation of the baseball stadium and associated facilities including addition of spectator

grandstand, lighting, announcer box, batting cages, dugouts, and concession stand.

Meanwhile, for the Cultural Events Center Park Components, the project will cover the construction of a cultural center "Main House Pavilion" (approximately 30 feet x 50 feet or 1,500 square feet), the construction of up to nine moderate-size kiosks (approximately 720 square feet each), the construction of up to 44 small kiosks (approximately 162 square feet each), the construction of an amphitheater stage with associate facilities such as rear storage area, dressing rooms, and the construction of new paved parking areas.

Repairs and renovations will also be made to the Guma Sakman Building to be used as a training and exhibition center and also for administrative offices, and an addition of up to three restroom facilities.

The project will also cover landscaping and general outdoor improvements which may include lighting, side-walks, and benches.

An Americans with Disabilities Act compliant Pedestrian overpass with at least 16-foot high underpass traffic clearance will also be completed as part of the project.

Lastly, needed utilities and infrastructure identified in the application to support the construction, repairs, and renovations will also be covered by the EDA funding.

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The Rotaract Club of Saipan will the 2nd Annual Rotaract Summer Shoot-Out this Saturday, June 12.

Interested individuals can join the club at the Kagman Community Center to see who are the top shots of the court with three trials—The Free

Throw Competition, A Half Court Challenge, and the new Around-the-World Challenge.

The event will feature three age divisions, U16, U20, and U100 so sign up today at linktr.ee/RotaractClubofSaipan for a chance to participate.

The Rotaract Club of Saipan presents the return of the Rotaract Summer Shootout to stimulate basketball senses as bas-

ketball, like all sports, was put on hold as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic.

The Rotaract Summer Shoot-Out brings back the Free Throw competition and Half-Court challenge plus its new Around-the-World Challenge. You must be at least 13 years or older to compete.

This year, Rotaract also has the Family Sports Fiesta

which consists of game stations for everyone to enjoy for free and players even have a chance to win prizes. Game stations are open to individuals 3 years and older, with close supervision.

A registration fee will be due during check-in on the day of event so bring a photo ID. Check-in opens at 9am and competition begins at 10am.

Rotaract to host Summer Shootout

Oleai field closed to public from June 14 to 18

The Northern Marianas Sports Association would like to inform the public of the closure of the inner field at the Oleai Sports Complex track and field facility from June 14 to 18.

The facility will be off limits to the public on the said dates to give way to the construction of a stage that will be used for the launching of the CNMI's hosting of the 2022 Pacific Mini Games.

"We ask for the public's cooperation with the inner field closure, as we want to keep everyone safe while construction of the stage is ongoing. For runners and walkers using the track oval, please proceed with extra caution," NMSA executive director Carline Sablan said.

She added that the entire track and field facility will



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
The inner field (grass part) of the Oleai Sports Complex track and field facility will be closed to the public from June 14 to 18, while the entire track oval is also off limits on June 17 to give way to the launching of the Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022.

be closed on June 17 for the launch ceremony, which will also mark the one-year countdown to the Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games that will be held from June 17 to 25 in 2022.

The Northern Marianas will be hosting the quadrennial competition for the first time and the event will feature nine sports—athletics, badminton, baseball, beach volleyball, golf, tennis, triathlon, weightlifting, and va'a. As of June 1, more than 1,600 athletes and officials from 17 Pacific island-countries have confirmed participation at the regional sporting event.

The public is invited to attend the Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022 launch ceremony and one-year countdown on June 17 at 4:30pm at Oleai Sports Complex track and field facility. The event will also be live streamed on Facebook. (PR)



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Oleai Sports Complex facelift after Mini Games

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Hold your horses. The revamping of the Oleai Sports Complex will not commence until after the Pacific Mini Games scheduled for 2022.

In an interview with Robert Hunter, former Department of Community and Cultural Affairs secretary who had a hand in the application for the \$21.2-million grant recently approved by the Economic Development Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce, he said the project may not start until after the upcoming Mini Games.

"The CNMI Sports and Cultural Tourism Enhancement project that will oversee

the complete rehabilitation of the Oleai Sports Complex isn't going to be done in time for the Mini Games," he said.

The now senior policy advisor to Gov. Ralph DLG Torres explained that originally, everyone involved wanted to complete the Oleai Sports Complex first. However, that was over a year ago, now, with the Mini Games fast approaching, the facilities must be game-ready, not under construction.



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Office of Planning and Development director Kodep Ogumoro-Uludong speaks on the scope of work of the CNMI Sports and Cultural Tourism Enhancement project that would revamp the Oleai Sports Complex.

"Now we're a year out from the Games so there's no way this is going to get done in time for the Games and I don't think we want to rush this. We want to make this the best place for the long term. We can't be in the middle of construction during the Mini Games. This needs to be a usable facility," he said.

The plan, although it is still under discussion, could be to go ahead with the cultural events center construction first and the sports complex after.

"This could be the case where we start on the cultural events site and then focus on this after the Games. I hate to say that but that might be the reality. Guam has their own site, but it's not going to come close to what this is designed to be. We want this to be a pre-

miere site in Micronesia and to be one of the most, if not the most, advanced sports complex in the entire Micronesia region," he said.

Office of Planning and Development director Kodep Ogumoro-Uludong said the goal is to make this project the "crown jewel" of the CNMI.

"This is certainly going to be a crown jewel upon completion and we're just very excited to be a part of this. This was really a huge community effort with a lot of community stakeholders and again, with the direction and support of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios, we were able to prioritize this application over many others. We give much credit to EDA

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Conan Iakopo continues to close in on current Peewee 1 Class leader Ezekiel Camacho after sweeping the fifth leg of the Marianas Racing Association's 2021 Point Series Race's held last May 30 at Cowtown Raceway Park in Marpi.

Iakopo vies for the lead in Peewee 1 Class

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Iakopo, who has been topping the last few rounds of the series, did it again, topping the fifth leg with a total score of 50 points to bump his overall score up to 194. He currently vies for the lead at

just 13 points behind current top seed Camacho.

Camacho snagged second place in both heats of the 5th series race to gain a total of 44 points to bring his total up to 207 and currently risks losing his standing if Iakopo continues his win streak.

Kassidy Villagomez came in at third place during the series race to gain a total of 40 points, bringing her up to 178. Villagomez, who is at fourth place overall, is also vying for a promotion against Zane Fujihara who currently holds the No. 3 spot in overall standings with just an 11-point advantage.

Fujihara, who landed fifth place during the most recent series of the race, gained 33 points to bring his overall score up to 189.

In the Peewee 2 Class, Jonah Santos continues to sweep his races, landing first again to gain him 50 points, bringing his overall score up to 250.

T.J. Ferrer, who currently holds No. 3 spot in the overall standings, landed second place in the fifth series race to gain 44 points and bump his overall total up to 164.

Keenan Togawa, who remains at second place overall, completed the Top 3 during the series race to gain him 40

points, bringing him up to 210.

Meanwhile, in the Peewee ATV Class, Keoni Rosario continues his win streak with his second win of the series during the fifth leg of the race, earning him 50 points. He currently remains at No. 3 with a total score of 144.

Class top seed Brooklyn Susulin landed second place for both heats of the fifth leg of the series to earn 44 points, bringing her total up to 218.

Completing the Top 3 was Ryan Borja who just joined the series during its fifth leg. Borja earned 40 points to put him at sixth place overall.

Track and field season continues

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Although the PSS/McDonald's All Schools Athletics championships has concluded, track season still continue for the Marianas with the next meet set for June 19.

The next meet will begin at 4:30pm on June 19 and will feature an 18U division, open, and masters for 35 and over.

Featured events during the track meet include a 100m and 1,600m event, 4x200m relay event, javelin, shotput, long jump, and a mix 4x400m relay event.

Individuals interested in registering for the event may look up the Northern Marianas Athletics page on Facebook for updates.

Northern Marianas Ath-

letics, the Public School System, and McDonald's awarded the top athletes of the 2021 PSS/McDonald's All Schools Athletics Championships last May 24.

On May 24, NMA, PSS, and McDonald's distributed medals to the MVPs in the 9U, 12U, 14U, and 18U divisions of the Athletics Championships at the Oleai Track and Field.

Medals were handed out to Mount Carmel School's Andrei Kaithlyn Chavez, Grace Christian School's Jasper Hall, Saipan International School's Tiana Cabrera, Beatrice Gross, and Jude Rayphand, Agape Christian School's Eason Tang, Tinian Elementary School's Ysabella Lenteja, and Brilliant Star School's Moshe Sikkell and Aiden Camacho.



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